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A RUNNING BATTLE BETWEEN THREE BRITISH LIGHT CRUISERS AND THE GERMAN POCKET-BATTLESHIP COMMERCE RAIDER, ADMIRAL SCHEER, OFF THE COAST OF URUGUAY, IS VIVIDLY, THOUGH BRIEFLY DESCRIBED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED EARLY THIS MORNING BY THE ADMIRALTY.

H.M.S. Exeter, flagship of the South American division, and the most powerful ship on the station, 8,390 tons, armed with six 8-inch guns, was damaged during the action by the Admiral Scheer's heavy guns, and was compelled to drop out of the engagement.

ORCHESTRA CAN'T TAKE A SIEG HEIL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

It is reported that the famous orchestra leader, Wilhelm Furtwaengler, has been appointed "Musical Commissioner of Vienna" by Nazi Gauleiter (district leader) Joseph Buerckel.

Commenting ironically on the sudden reconciliation between the famous musician and the Nazis, the Dutch press says Furtwaengler's fall from grace came from the fact that he refused to make the Hitlerian salute when Nazi leaders entered theatres because he feared his raised arm would be mistaken for a signal to the trombones, resulting in a terrible blare!

Now Furtwaengler has revised his sign arrangements with his trombones!—Havas.

DIPLOMATIC HITCH?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.

DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES CONFIRM A REPORT THAT IVAN GORELKH, THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WHO ONLY RECENTLY ARRIVED HERE, HAS LEFT THE CAPITAL FOR MOSCOW.

M. Gorelkh had not yet presented his credentials, which are addressed to the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia, this being tantamount to Soviet recognition of Italy's African colonies.—Havas.

Earlier reports of the sinking of H.M.S. Achilles, are shown to be inaccurate. H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax, both of the Leander class, kept up the pursuit.

The Admiral Scheer is stated to have been hit repeatedly during the action and is still being pursued, according to the Admiralty statement.

Radio reports from the British cruisers engaged in the battle indicate that the Admiral Scheer is trying to find refuge in the estuary of the Rio de la Plata.

The Ajax, Achilles and Exeter, which have been hunting the Admiral Scheer for some weeks, contacted her at 6 a.m. yesterday, and fought a running battle with her for four hours.

Developments since 10 a.m. yesterday are not made clear in the Admiralty announcement, which states laconically: "The chase continues."—Havas.

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT

The text of the Admiralty statement, cabled by Reuter is as follows: "The cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles contacted the Admiral Scheer at 6 a.m. on December 13. A heavy running fight ensued for four hours when Exeter was damaged and forced to drop out of action. Ajax and Achilles continued to chase the Admiral Scheer

which was repeatedly hit and appeared to be seeking refuge in the River Plate. The chase continues."

A Reuter message from Buenos Aires, earlier, quoted the British Naval Attache as reporting "an encounter (Continued on Page 20)

SOVIET SINKING OF NAZI SHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The Stockholm correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" confirms the Helsinki report of the sinking of a German steamer by a Russian submarine.

The submarine was navigating on the surface and fired fifteen shells at the steamer, the Bollheim.

It was the first incident involving neutral shipping in the Russian blockade of the Finnish coast.—Havas.

GERMANS DETAIN ITALIAN PLANES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Twenty out of 23 Italian planes which were flying to Finland from Italy have been detained in Germany, where they stopped to refuel.

Last week, it will be recalled, 60 Italian planes refuelled in Germany and arrived safely in Finland.

Reason given for the Nazi change in policy is that the Reich objects to the sending of arms to Finland.

Much war material sent to Finland by Hungary has also been detained in Germany.

Observers say the change in the German attitude must be the result of very strong Soviet representations.—Havas.

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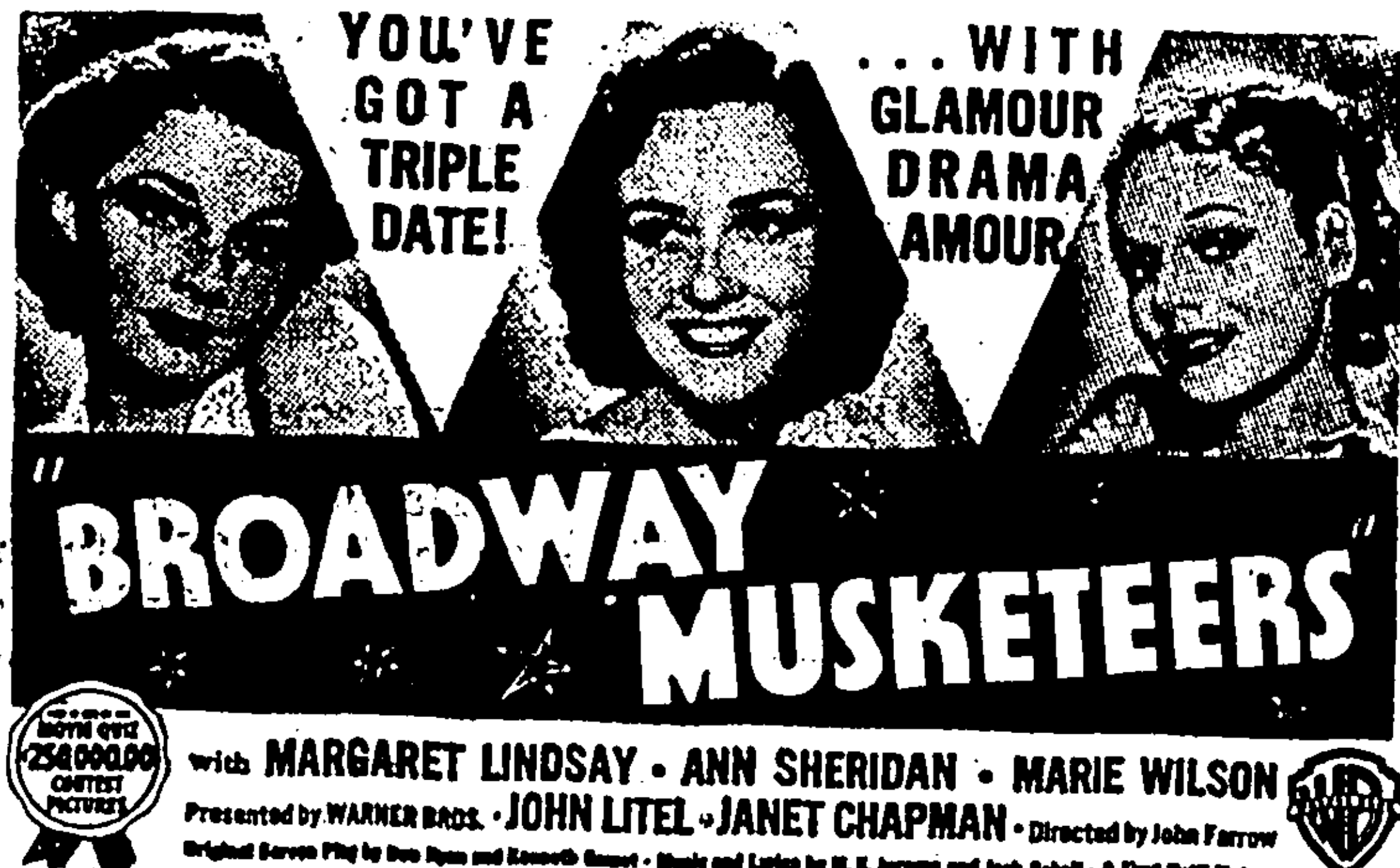
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London, To-day.

THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN," in its leader yesterday, pointed out that the new Anglo-French financial agreement was one thing missing from the comprehensive economic agreement of November 17, and gives the lie to the German legend that the interests of the Allies are separate and to propaganda seeking to divide them. It is worth emphasising that under Paragraph 9 of the new agreement the two Governments will share certain items of expenditure.

"The contribution of the two Governments is fixed on a basis which takes into due account the national wealth of each."

"In general the French contribution will be 40 per cent. and the British 60 per cent. of the total."

The intimate co-operation between

the Allied Governments is supplemented by the close bonds of organised Labour, as illustrated by the first meeting in Paris to-day of the joint Anglo-French Trades Union Council, representing 10,000,000 Allied workers. —Reuter.

UNREST IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Labour unrest continues and 10 factories and big firms, including the Wing On Weaving Factory, are involved.

A few foreign businesses are also involved.

Negotiations are proceeding. — Our Own Correspondent.

RICE PROFITEER ARRESTED

Shanghai, To-day.

Action was taken yesterday by the French Police against hoarders.

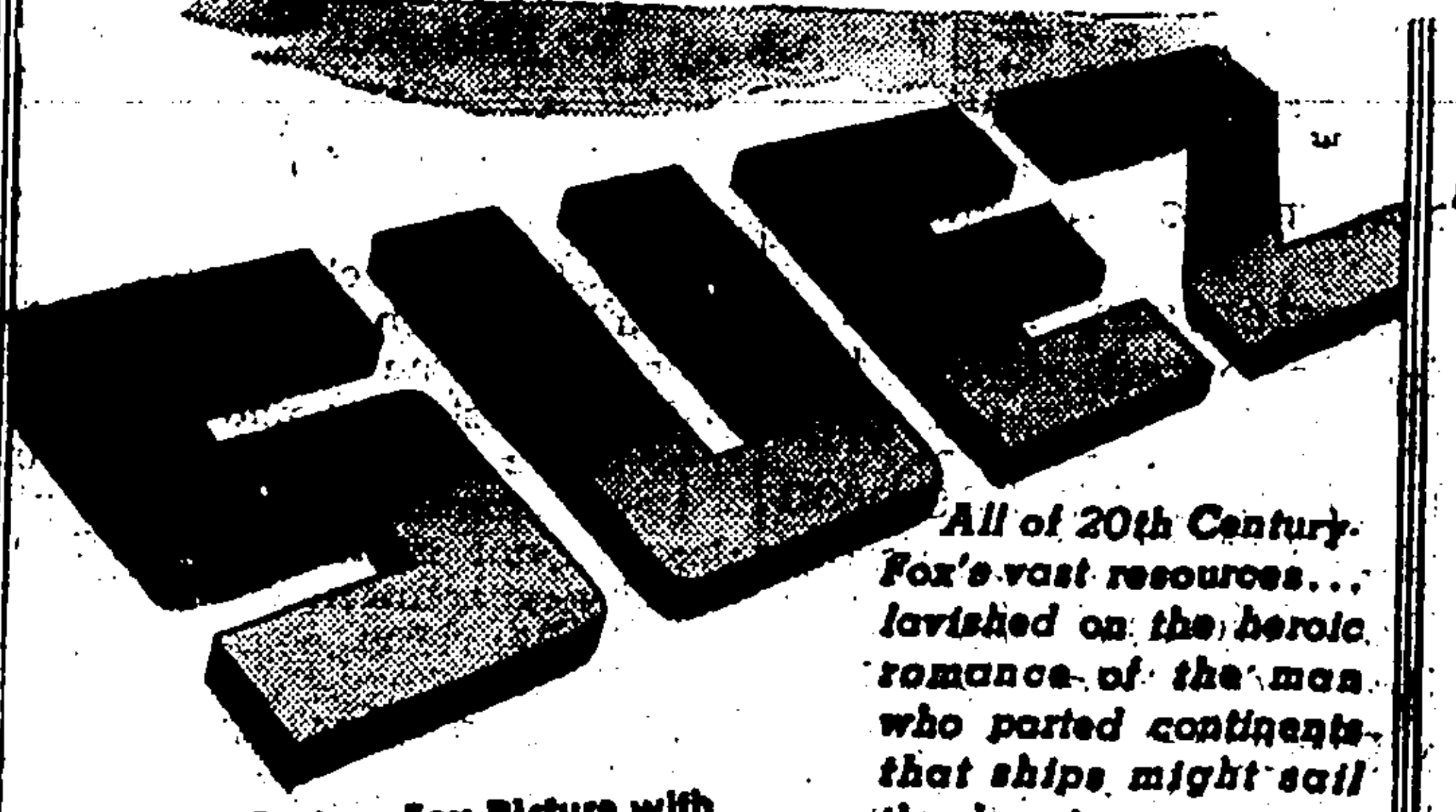
The proprietor of a Chinese rice firm, it is reported, was detained by the French Police yesterday afternoon for alleged hoarding of rice. — Our Own Correspondent.

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Paris, To-day.

AFTER A SPELL OF comparative calm the western front has suddenly become very active, although activity has not yet gone beyond the stage technically known as "strong patrols."

The Germans sent out numerous patrols along nearly the whole of the front on Monday, and these were especially busy east of the Moselle and between the Warndt Forest and the Saar.

In the latter region, where German patrols were most numerous, no less than three raids were carried out, accompanied by the usual artillery.

The fire aimed at demoralising the posts attacked and preventing the arrival of reinforcements.

The French artillery replied, and their fire hampered the attackers.

LOCAL CLASHES

One French patrol withdrew but re-occupied their post at dawn yesterday, so the net German result was nil.

Other posts resisted, and there was heavy local fighting with much hand-grenade throwing.

The French protected their posts with artillery barrages and machine-gun fire, and the Germans were eventually obliged to retire, leaving many dead on the field.—Reuter.

THREE RAIDS

Paris, To-day.

Three Nazi raids were carried out on a French outpost between the Warndt Forest and the Saar, by means of artillery and trench mortar fire.

In the first two attacks, the French outpost maintained its position and repulsed the raiders after violent hand grenade duels lasting for several hours.

In the third attack, the French withdrew and the Germans advanced to find an unoccupied outpost. Later, French artillery opened up and the outpost was finally re-occupied.

There has been increased German artillery activity on their parts of the front.—Reuter.

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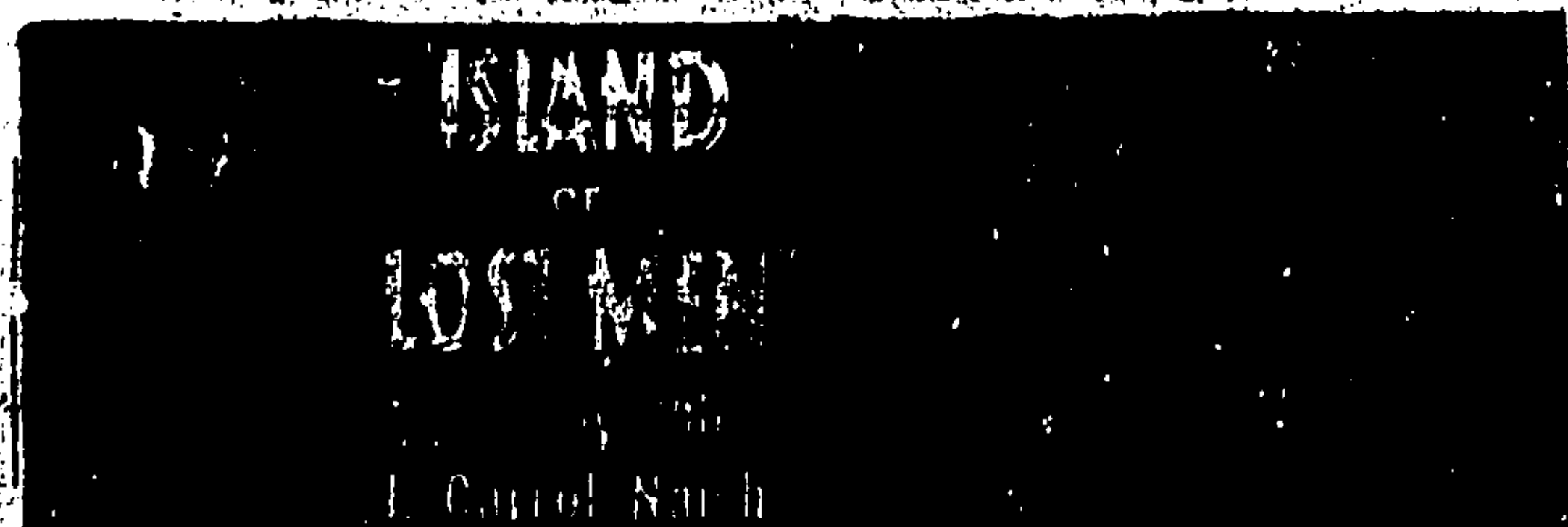
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LARGE-SCALE RED ARMY OFFENSIVE FORESHADOWED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

THE BELIEF IS GROWING that the Soviet will shortly launch a large offensive on the whole Finnish front.

The whole of the 9th Soviet Army, which is operating on the Eastern front trying to drive through to the Uleaborg district, aims to cut off Finnish railway communications with Sweden and occupy the shores of the Gulf of Bothnia, which is the Soviet first objective.

Meanwhile, since the beginning of the campaign Soviet losses have been five times more than Finnish losses.

A total of 114 Soviet tanks has been disabled.

The morale of the Soviet troops is said to be very low.—Havas.

GREAT BATTLE

Helsinki, To-day.

A great battle is still raging on the Eastern Front, where the Finnish counter-attack has succeeded beyond expectations, the recapture of Salla, one of the most important military strongholds, being illustrative of the completeness of the success.

Latest reports indicate that fresh units of the Red Army have been viciously attempting to recover Salla and have suffered severe losses.

MANNERHEIM LINE SECURE

It is probable that this sector will continue to see the heaviest fighting as the Finnish forces in the south

have had no difficulty in holding the Soviets from their Mannerheim Line positions, and the Finnish Command is concentrating on eliminating the danger of a Soviet drive through to Uleaborg.

Russian military bases were bombed yesterday by Finnish planes, and Soviet bombers attacked several islands in the Gulf of Finland.—Reuter.

COMMUNAL RIOT AT JUBBULPORE

New Delhi, To-day.

One life was lost as a result of Monday's communal rioting at Jubbulpore, Central India, while 115 were injured.

A German news agency put out the list of dead as "over a hundred," and this is in line with other statements about India emanating from Berlin.

Zeesen, speaking of social conditions in India, alleged that women had to work long hours in mines.

In actual fact, women were excluded from underground work in mines in 1929. A few exceptions were made, but complete exclusion has been enforced since October, 1937, and to-day there is not a single woman in India engaged in such work.—Reuter.

SOVIET SHIP DISASTER OFF JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

Eighty seven are known to have lost their lives as the result of the wrecking of the Soviet steamer Indigirka (2,338 tons) on the Japanese coast.

Of 1,000 passengers and crew, 390 were rescued and the others are missing, though 200 are believed to be alive.

Several Japanese vessels have arrived at the scene of the disaster but high seas are hampering rescue work.—Reuter.

The Indigirka was built as long ago as 1888 at Greenock, and is owned by Soytorghot, being registered at Vladivostok.

A vessel of 315 feet she has changed hands many times in her long career.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports an intense anticyclone covering Mongolia, Manchuria, China and Japan. A depression is situated to the west of Hokkaido, moving eastward. The temperature during the night dropped to 24 degrees, but had risen to 30 degrees at 10 a.m. to-day, with a relative humidity of 45 per cent. The temperature yesterday

SECRET SESSION'S MEANING

LONDON, TO-DAY.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN LONDON POINT OUT THAT THE SECRET SESSION OF THE COMMONS IS AN EXTENSION RATHER THAN A LIMITATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF DISCUSSION, WHICH THE CONSTITUTION ASSURES EVEN IN WARTIME.

This, it is stressed, is a source of strength and makes for greater efficiency in administration than the stifling of criticism.

The present session was requested by the Opposition, and the Government acceded, appreciating the sense of responsibility which prompted members to ask for an opportunity to speak with freedom without providing the enemy with propaganda material.

REASONS OF STATE

In wartime no frank discussion on the problems of supply and service departments relating to the conduct of the war can take place without affording valuable information to the enemy.

The Public and the press fully understand that the reasons of state which prompted the decision include the wish to safeguard free discussion in wartime.

Secret sessions have several precedents in British Constitutional practice.—British Wireless.

"STRANGERS IN THE HOUSE"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

After Question Time yesterday in the Commons the Prime Minister called attention to the presence of strangers in the Chamber the traditional method by which the Commons go into secret session.—British Wireless.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION AIR FLEET

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A fleet of aeroplanes has been specially fitted out to transport blood for transfusion purposes to army hospitals in France and to any city in the United Kingdom which may suffer casualties during an air-raid.—Reuter.

BRITISH AIRCRAFT FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.
The Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had decided to grant export licences to a British firm to enable it to send aircraft to Finland.—Reuter.

WELDING LAST LINK OF ALLIED UNITY

London, To-day.

The Anglo-French monetary agreement is welcomed by the British press as welding the last link in Allied unity.

"The Times" says that this agreement, together with the other agreements, shows that there is now more than an alliance between the two countries. Measures such as this are the right way to reply to the boasts of Walther Funk, Nazi Minister of Finance.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that there could hardly be stronger proof of the community of performance of Britain and France.

The British press also expresses general satisfaction over the report of Sir Kingsley Wood on the war in the air.

The "News Chronicle," however, also points out that we have a long way to go before we can establish that overwhelming superiority over the Nazi air force which is essential to our safety and victory.

The paper hopes that Sir Kingsley Wood will be able to give the public more information about our air activity.—Reuter.

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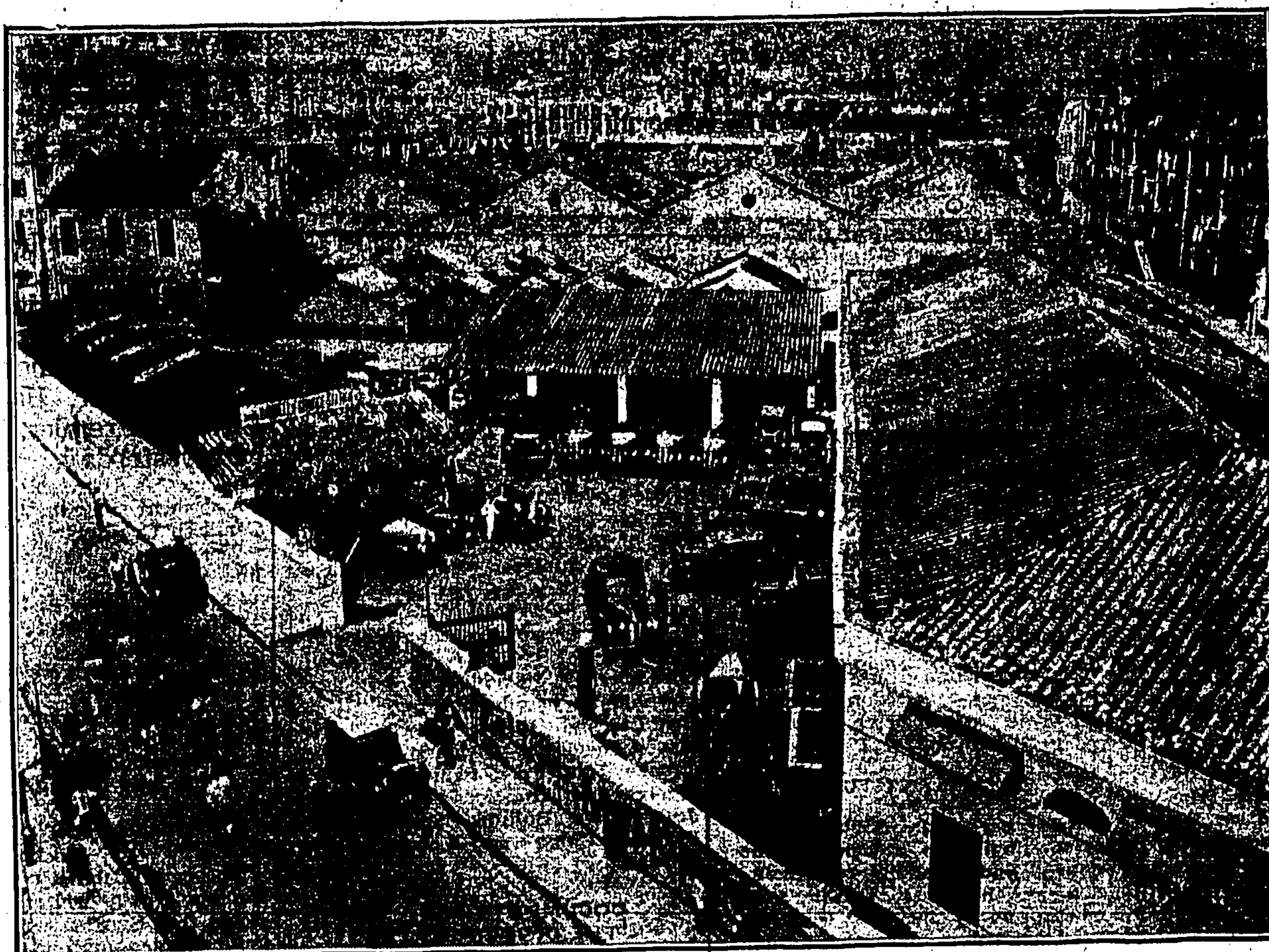
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FOREGONE CONCLUSION

League Resolution Condemns Soviet Russia

ITALIANS CHARGED AS SPIES

Brussels, To-day.
Four Italians have been arrested in Liege on charges of espionage.
Three of them are of German origin.
They are said to have spread Nazi propaganda and to have asked soldiers who visited the cafe owned by one of them for information.
A raid of the premises brought to light a map and a pistol.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT STAGE IN EVENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

Political circles point out that the present League session marks a very important turn in international relations.

It is considered certain that the League Council and Assembly will adopt the resolution already adopted by the committee of thirteen, calling for the exclusion of the Soviet and the extension of material help to Finland.

Latvia and China, who are in a special position as regards Russia, are not represented on the Council, where a unanimous vote is necessary.

Special importance is attached in political quarters here to the immediate reaction to the League's proposals as evidenced by the statement by Sir Kinsley Wood, British Air Minister, on the granting of export permits for aircraft to Finland, and the statement by Mr. Hansson, the Swedish Premier.—Havas.

MOSCOW ATTACKS THE LEAGUE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
MOSCOW ATTACKED THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT.

The announcer declared that the Finnish Memorandum was full of lies, and alleged that the whole affair was a political manoeuvre by Britain and France, who "carefully selected known anti-Soviet members to form the Committee."

The announcer also launched a violent attack on Sweden for the aid it is giving to Finland.—Reuter.

U.S. SHIPPING SERVICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
THE UNITED STATES LINES ANNOUNCE THAT A REGULAR MONTHLY SERVICE BETWEEN THE U.S.A. AND BRITAIN WILL BE INAUGURATED ON DECEMBER 28.

Ships will run between Baltimore, Norfolk (Virginia), Newport and Rhode Island to Vico and Bilbao.
The *Marconi* and *Child Harbour* will be the first steamers to be placed on the line.—Havas.

TO BE SUBMITTED TO ASSEMBLY TO-DAY

Geneva, To-day.

The resolution condemning Soviet Russia will be submitted to the League Assembly to-day, and is expected to occasion animated discussion.

It will probably be approved without a vote and then referred to the Council, which will meet immediately to take the decision called for.

The result of the Council proceedings is a foregone conclusion but it remains to be seen whether there are any abstentions when the vote is taken.

By leaving the election of China to the Council to a later meeting, the League has absolved China from the delicate responsibility of taking a stand in the matter.

At the meeting of the committee of fourteen yesterday the Norwegian and Swedish delegates stated they approved the resolution subject to the confirmation of their Governments.

THE RESOLUTION

The resolution condemns the action of the Soviet on the ground that "by its act of aggression against Finland, the Soviet has failed in its special political agreement with Finland and has violated the Pact of Paris and Article XII of the Covenant of the League."

"It also denounced unjustifiably the treaty of non-aggression concluded in 1932, that was to have remained in force until the end of 1945."

SOVIET ATTITUDE

Referring to the Soviet refusal of the invitation to come to the Council and Assembly, the resolution says the Soviet "thereby failed in one of its most essential responsibilities under the League of Nations for the guarantee of the peace and security of nations, and acted as though the Council and Assembly did not exist as far as Russia is concerned."

The resolution also declares: "The Soviet attempted to justify its refusal by alleging relations had been established with a fictitious government that is neither in law nor fact a government recognised by the population of Finland in the free exercise of their rights."—Reuter.

ARGENTINE DELEGATE CALLS FOR EXPULSION

Geneva, To-day.

When the Assembly met yesterday, the Argentine delegate proposed the expulsion and this proposal was referred to the Finnish Appeal Committee. The Committee had before it not only the expulsion proposal but also the Russian reply, which arrived the previous night.

The Committee approved the expulsion proposal, and this approval has been included in the Committee's report which is now receiving the final touches. The report will be sent to the Assembly. If the proposal passes, it will go before the League Council, and here a unanimous vote is necessary before a member state can be expelled.

At noon yesterday, a Russian spokesman said that Russia will probably be ousted from the League within 24 hours.—Reuter.

TERMS OF ARTICLE XVI

London, To-day.

Following the strong indictment of Russia's aggression upon Finland by the Argentine representative in the League Assembly, it is reported from Geneva that the special committee of

the Assembly, under the chairmanship of Senhor Da Matta, the Portuguese representative, has completed the draft resolution of the Finnish appeal for submission at to-day's meeting of the Assembly.

According to agency messages the resolution includes a recommendation for expulsion of the Soviet from the league and invites all states members to give material help to the victim of aggression.

According to the terms of Article 16 of the Covenant, expulsion of a League member requires a declaration "by vote of the Council concurred in by the representatives of all other members of the League represented thereon."

As a result of yesterday's elections in the Assembly the new League Council comprises, in addition to the three permanent members, France, Great Britain and Russia, the following eleven members:—Belgium, Dominica, Greece, Iran, Peru (which is not represented at the present meetings), Jugo-Slavia, Bolivia, South Africa, Finland, China and Latvia.—British Wireless.

DOCUMENTS SENT TO THE UNITED STATES

Geneva, To-day.

All documents connected with the League's discussion of the Finnish-Soviet conflict have been transmitted to the United States, with a view to that country taking the initiative in promoting a peaceful settlement.—Reuter.

504 MILES AN HOUR

While testing a Miles Master, the fastest training aircraft in the world, Mr. Skinner, the chief test pilot of the constructing firm, put the machine in a dive at Oxford, and between there and Farnborough his average speed was 504 miles per hour.

SWEDISH AID FOR FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

"We wish to supply Finland with material aid, which is much more necessary than all possible demonstrations," declared Mr. Hansson, the Swedish Premier, in a broadcast yesterday.

It was Mr. Hansson's first public announcement since the formation of the Coalition Cabinet.

The Premier, however, did not outline what shape this help is taking, and confined himself to saying:

"If we took certain measures we did so in full independence, being the only judges of our own situation."

Eulogising the outgoing Foreign Minister, Mr. Richard Sandler, the Premier said he had resigned "following divergencies with his colleagues and in no way under foreign pressure."—Havas.

DECLARATION OF POLICY

Stockholm, To-day.

The new Cabinet under Mr. P. A. Hansson, in a declaration of policy, states that Sweden will maintain her independence and neutrality, including collaboration with those other states unhampered by alliances, with the object of preserving the common interests of neutrals and to extend co-operation among the northern states.

The Government shared the general desire to furnish humanitarian and material help to Finland.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC SPEECH BY ARGENTINE DELEGATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

A DRAMATIC SPEECH WAS delivered at the morning session of the League of Nations Assembly by Senor Freyre, delegate of the Argentine, who requested Russia's expulsion from the League, otherwise the Argentine would be compelled to resign.

"One state has flagrantly violated international and social laws and has attacked another state, sowing death and desolation," Senor Freyre declared.

"Russia has challenged the whole world. The question is not one either of ideology or regime. The question is whether we can keep among us a violator of the Covenant and human law."

"Finland's case compels the Argentine to demand the exclusion of Russia from the League."

"The League may have lost all her power of coercion but there remains for her one gesture to make unless she wants to commit suicide."

"I hereby request to announce my Government's decision not to consider itself a member of the League so

long as the Soviet is allowed to enjoy the same title."

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Following Senor Freyre's speech, the Chairman, with the Assembly's approval, forwarded the Argentine proposal to the special committee of fourteen, after which the Assembly adjourned until the conclusion of the deliberations of the committee of fourteen which is now sitting.

Previously the Assembly had elected three non-permanent members of the Council—South Africa, Bolivia and Finland.—Havas.

WHITE PAPER ON RUSSIA

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons yesterday in response to questions that the Foreign Secretary is preparing a White Paper showing the course of the negotiations with the Soviet Government which took place earlier in the year. Mr. Chamberlain said the Paper, the preparation of which would necessarily take some little time, would be laid before the House as soon as possible.—Reuter.

ALLIED POOL WELCOMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
The Anglo-French monetary and economic agreement is unanimously welcomed here.

Financial quarters stress that the agreement does not affect the tripartite Franco-British-American monetary accord and will not hamper American trade.

Politicians point out that the agreement consecrates the stabilisation of the British and French currencies and will be useful for the further establishment of a worldwide economic order based on the Roosevelt-Hull plan.

Many newspapers emphasise that Anglo-French economic co-operation provides an excellent basis for a larger structure once the war is over.—Havas.

BRITISH CONCESSION TO NEUTRALS

London, To-day.

The concessions which are offered to neutrals under the Order-in-Council providing for the seizure of German exports, means that since export control began on Dec. 5 few cargoes have been definitely classed as seizures.

Reuter understands that during the first week the maxim was "go easy on neutrals," but the control will be tightened progressively.

Already applications have been received from the United States, Japan, Belgium, Holland and other countries in respect to drugs, surgical instruments and other items difficult to procure elsewhere.

In the early stages such applications are likely to be treated sympathetically.—Reuter.

FINNISH REQUEST TO U.S.A.

Washington, To-day.

The Finnish Government is asking for permission to use U.S. Army's latest gas-masks, which are on the secret list.—Reuter.

GERMANY AIDING THE SOVIET

Berlin, To-day.

Germany is now giving active support to Russia by holding up supplies from neutral countries on their way to Finland.—Reuter.

FINNS COUNTER-ATTACK IN THE "WASP WAIST" SECTOR: IMPORTANT TOWN RETAKEN

London, To-day.

ALTHOUGH IT IS OBVIOUS that the Soviet forces in the Far North and in the South are being strongly held, the position in the centre is far from clear.

The Soviet troops are making a determined effort with mechanised columns to cut Finland in two at its narrowest part by driving through to the Gulf of Bothnia.

Rome and Swedish reports say that there is furious fighting at a point 130 miles from the Soviet frontier, but this report is not believed in Helsinki, where it is said that such a rapid advance across trackless wastes is "out of the question."

In the air, Finnish planes have been very active and 12 miles of the railway on the main line from Murmansk to Leningrad has been destroyed by bombs.—Reuter.

SUOMUSSALMI HOLDS

Rome, To-day.

According to a Helsinki telegram the Russians have occupied the island of Mausari, in Lake Ladoga, but their progress on the Karelian front has been insignificant.

The Finns are still holding Suomussalmi, about 17 miles from the frontier in Finland's "wasp waist," despite repeated Russian attacks.

According to the telegram the Russians are desperately trying to cut Finland in two and sever her communications with Sweden.—Reuter.

KEY-POINT RETAKEN

Helsinki, To-day.

It is unofficially reported that the Finnish advance in Tolvaajarvi, mentioned in the Finnish communiqué, has been very considerable.

It is said that Finnish troops are pushing rapidly towards the Russian frontier.

Other unconfirmed reports are that the Finns have retaken Pitkaranta, on the northern shore of Lake Ladoga, as well as Suomussalmi and Salla, key-point on the northern front.

The last named, if true, indicates the great success of the Finnish counter-offensive, for the Russians had planned to make Salla their base headquarters.—Reuter.

FINNISH RAID ON MURMANSK RAILWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

It is reported from Helsinki that Finnish planes have destroyed about seven kilometres of the Soviet railway south of Murmansk.—Havas.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

By 158 votes against 142 the Federal Assembly yesterday elected M. Pilet-Golaz President of the Swiss Federation for 1940, replacing M. Philippe Etter.

The Assembly also re-elected seven retiring Federal Councillors (Cabinet Ministers).—Havas.

PARLIAMENTARY UNION MESSAGE

London, To-day.

On behalf of the British group of the Inter-parliamentary Union the secretary has sent a letter to the President of the Finnish group expressing to their comrades and colleagues of the Finnish group of the Union a heartfelt expression of profound sympathy in the tragic and unequal contest which has been forced on them.—British Wireless.

DIRECT AID FOR FINLAND

GROWING DEMAND IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

There is some criticism in the Swedish press of the new coalition government formed by the Premier, M. Hansson.

The "Tidningen" says that it is a clever move to cover up differences of opinion between Hansson and his Foreign Minister Mr. Sandler (who is no longer in the government).

The "Dagens Nyheter" says that many are disappointed that demand for direct intervention in Finland finds no expression in the policy of the new government.

It should be clear that Mr. Sandler's "departure" has no connection with German press attacks.

A Government statement notes the wish of the Swedes to help Finland but puts forward the defence of neutrality as one of the predominant interests of the new Cabinet.—Reuter.

BOYCOTT OF SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

"The American Association for the Boycott of Aggressors" has decided to start a boycott of all Soviet products. Mr. Herbert Lehman, Governor of New York State, has proclaimed next Sunday to be Finland's Day, and has appealed to New Yorkers to contribute generously.—Havas.



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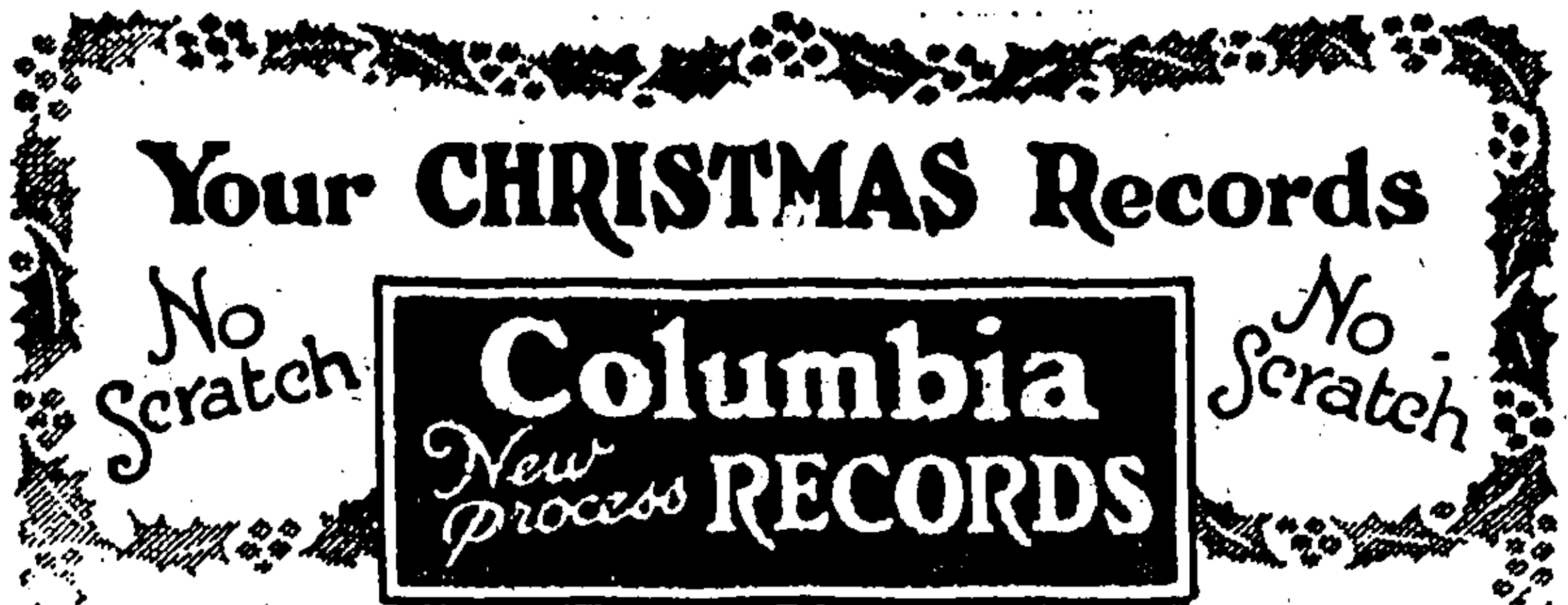
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

U. S. AND FINLAND

What effect the combination of facts may have on Russia and the Soviet conquest programme is something which can be determined only by developments. The indications so far are that Soviet Dictator Stalin cares about as little about what anybody may think as it is possible for one to care. However, effects on international relationships ultimately will give cause for concern, for practical reasons if for no others.

President Roosevelt apparently is shaping his programme in recognition of the manifest American sentiment and planning his course of action as an effective approach in a campaign against Russia's arbitrary policy. His appeal for American popular support for and cooperation in a policy designed at avoidance of being a party to Russian ruthlessness is explained on these grounds. In principle the stand taken by the White House squares with the standards which democratic nations advocate as the basis for international relationships.

However, the same could have been said in connection with American diplomatic and trade relationships with Japan — at least after the Japanese conquest of China was officially and popularly denounced in the United States.

The deciding point as to the effectiveness of the Washington stand in the newest war is the preparedness to carry through with whatever is started. All right principle argues in favour of the severance of diplomatic relations with Russia or at least strict embargo of the class of trade which will feed the guns and motors of the planes of the aggressors. But that definitely is not neutrality.

THE PRICE

If, as it is suggested, the price of an understanding with Russia was the acceptance of arrangements whereby the Allies would consent to what Russia has already done and is doing in the Baltic countries, it is not surprising that the conversations at Moscow came to nothing, nor that Moscow went shopping simultaneously in Berlin.

This was no occasion for Great Britain and France to play the parts of Judases, it was a role for which previous performances clearly demonstrated Herr Hitler, was more than fit, and the readiness with which he accepted it is, in the circumstances, eloquent in the extreme. Had the Allies consented to pay the price which M. Stalin demanded, Germany would indeed have been encircled so far as east Europe is concerned with a ring of hostility. That country even now is likely to find herself in the same state before very many years have passed, for while Herr Hitler has yielded to Russia before the press of circumstances, and those circumstances of his own creation, it is unlikely that he can witness the rising dominance of Russia in the Baltic and the reduction of that sea to the status of a Russian lake without a realization that sooner or later, Germany, if it wishes to exist, must eventually resist. That German military, and naval quarters apparently fully understand. Hence the disunion reported from Berlin. They see in Russian manoeuvres in Scandinavia, the Baltic and south-eastern Europe the assumption of the role of paramount influence which they have come to regard as traditionally their own. The Allies, it is clear from Lord Halifax's statement, were offered terms probably not dissimilar from those which Germany has accepted. It is regrettable that that fact was not made clear earlier, for a better propaganda point could hardly have been conceived. Rather than sell the smaller nations out, Great Britain and France abandoned hope of a defensive understanding with Russia, which turned to Germany and made that nation pay a high price for a benevolent neutrality, the full tale of which has not yet been reached. It is idle in the circumstances to accuse the Allies of being responsible for Finland's plight. They knew what M. Stalin wanted, and would be no party to the infamy which he was designing. About that Herr Hitler had no qualms, and it is he and he alone who is particeps criminis with M. Stalin in this cruel onslaught upon the dearly-won freedom of a youthful, and energetic nation.—N. C. D. News.

THE SINEWS OF WAR

In peace-time we live by credit. At war we win by credit. If it is not quite true that "the last sovereign wins"—for "it is the moral element that is finally decisive in war," as Baron Von Freytag-Loringhoven, Deputy Chief of the German General Staff, prophetically wrote in 1917—yet the last sovereign may become a symbol of the moral, as it is a means of the physical victory.

When Sir John Simon on Tuesday announced the Government's plan for providing the small as well as the large investor with the fullest opportunity of strengthening the sinews of war, he established a principle which is bound to prove essential to his purpose. He made known the Government's deliberate decision to finance the war by voluntary effort. Credit is a notoriously timid thing. Force it, and you lose it. The very spring of its nature is its spontaneity.

This question of method is of profound relevance to the success of the German method—really illusory. Let the German method—really illusory—be invoked as witness. The German Government has no conception of government other than that of slave-driving: the tactic of what Prince Frederick Charles wisely described in the "scolding, punishing taskmaster." The present taskmaster of the German people arbitrarily confiscates a proportion of every citizen's bank balance as a "contribution" to the periodic "Lebens" they issue. For their part they do not believe in the voluntary spirit of their subjects.—"The Observer"

"GOTT STRAFE ENGLAND"

When I left Germany my experience was that there was no hatred among the mass of the German people against England as there was in 1914. I am sorry to say that my information is that that has been greatly changed in the last two months, thanks to the propaganda of Dr. Goebbels. Be that as it may, I find here in England very little signs of hostility to Germans as distinct from Hitlerism and its principles.—Sir Neville Henderson.

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PACIFIST DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

London, To-day.

THE OFFER MADE some time ago by the Queen of the Netherlands and the King of the Belgians of mediatory offices and subsequently rejected by the German Government was recalled in a Lords debate yesterday initiated by Lord Darnley, with the support of Lord Arnold, who has consistently criticised the policy of resistance to aggression for several years on pacifist grounds.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh summed up the attitudes of these two speakers as "war settles nothing—let's try for compromise."

On this, he commented, it was no use thinking of peace unless the enemy wanted peace.

The Bishop of Chichester said he was not a pacifist nor an advocate of peace at any price but he opposed the conception of a so-called fight to a finish.

The guarantees the British people sought for the future, he thought, would not be obtained by continuing the war beyond the moment when they could be secured by negotiation.

Lord Samuel considered that if Germany was willing to withdraw from Poland the way would be open to negotiation, but with the military position as it now was, negotiations would clearly lead nowhere.

LORD SNELL'S DISQUIET

The opposition leader, Lord Snell, intervened to express anxiety lest the observations of Lords Darnley and Arnold should create misapprehension abroad regarding British public opinion.

No peace was of the slightest value unless it was negotiated with a government which would keep the peace.

The British people, he believed, had no desire to destroy the German nation.

Their sole desire was that Germany should resume her ancient and revered place in world history.

Lord Snell's anxieties were shown to be exaggerated when the Foreign Secretary replied, for he was able to describe to their Lordships how foreign representatives who came to him at the Foreign Office told him how profoundly they were impressed by the British national unity and by the evidence of the people's resolution which they encountered in all quarters.

DISLIKES PHRASE

Lord Halifax also expressed his dislike of the phrase "fight to a finish," which gave the impression of a people fighting for the mere sake of fighting.

That definitely was not the position of the British Government or the British people.

"We have always been prepared to negotiate. We were prepared before the war and we have never closed the door to negotiations in anything we have said or done since the war began."

Unfortunately, although Herr Hitler asserted in speeches that he was anxious for peace, it was far from certain that he was anxious for peace on terms which would make for the peace of Europe.

Lord Halifax said all their Lordships were agreed on general principles. They all felt it a good plan to settle by negotiation.

FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION

Nobody could feel more strongly how criminal it would be to miss any real opportunity for peace.

But they came back to the fundamental question. They stood for causes that had led the country into war, and if they were right it would be wrong to cease until they had done their utmost to secure those causes.

The Foreign Secretary concluded by recalling the British and French assurances to the mediatory

GERMANY MISSES THE POINT

London, To-day.

A German communique reports the presence of British 'planes over Germany as being in connection with the return of the liner Bremen. The Nazis have obviously confused this with the security patrols now being maintained over Germany in connection with aeroplane-mine-layers.

The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. has been carrying out these security patrols not only over Heligoland, but also over other bases from which these 'planes set out, notably the islands of Sylt and Borkum.

The planes encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire but, nevertheless, the performance of the operation was successful.—Reuter.

GERMAN WHITE PAPER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Germany has released a new White Paper, consisting of 48 documents, in which Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, attempts to prove that Britain is exclusively responsible for the present conflict.

The Paper says Britain "constantly endeavoured to prevent Germany's struggle to free herself from the Versailles Treaty." — Havas.

BOMBARDMENT RUMOURS DENIED

London, To-day.

Asked at Commons Question Time whether instances had occurred of the bombardment of any places in the British Isles by enemy submarines or surface vessels, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty replied "No."—British Wireless.

SWEDISH STEAMER HITS MINE

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish steamer Algol, 980 tons, has struck a mine near a German minefield off the south Swedish coast. Swedish warships are rushing to her aid.—Reuter.

offer, leaving the door open for negotiation, and the slamming of the door by Herr von Ribbentrop in Berlin, and expressed his view that after the German action it was a very academic question whether the offer remained open on the side of its originators, the Sovereigns of the Low Countries.—British Wireless.

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LORD CHATFIELD ON HIS "MYSTERY" MINISTRY

London, To-day.

LORD CHATFIELD, MINISTER for the Co-Ordination of Defence, spoke about the work of his department at a luncheon yesterday.

He admitted that he was not well known to the general public and that the Ministry "is almost equally an enigma." Only a day or so ago, he had received a letter addressed to the "Ministry for the Succour of Great Britain." He passed it on to—well, he passed it on!

The Ministry, he said, was concerned with the collaboration of strategy and politics. There was now such collaboration through the War Cabinet, which sits almost daily. This collaboration is also just as effective with their Allies.

Before the war, they were in close touch with France, so that when war started they had a Supreme War Council ready to operate—instead of taking the three years needed during the Great War. There were Anglo-French staffs working in Whitehall.

WAR AT SEA

He had heard it said that "the war has not started yet." This, he said, was not the view of the sailors. Germany is trusting in an illegal war at sea but "it will fail."

This was thanks to the refusal of the merchant sailors to be cowed by brutality and to the endurance of the Royal Navy.

A man swimming in a shark-infested sea is in no greater danger than a submarine which tries to approach the British Isles, he said.

Another great advantage the Allies had over Nazi Germany was their faith that in the end they were going to reach a better world for everyone.

R.A.F. WATCH ON GERMAN BASES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Royal Air Force last night kept close watch on the bases of German mine-laying planes in Heligoland Bay.

It is from these bases that Nazi planes have been visiting the British coasts to drop small magnetic mines which have created so much havoc among Allied and neutral shipping—Havas.

LONDON STEAMER TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

The London steamer Deptford (4,000 tons) has been torpedoed off Stad and sank immediately.

Seven of her crew of 30 were picked up by Norwegian vessels.

Two Norwegian pilots are among the dead. — Reuter.

BRITISH CONVOY SUCCESS

London, To-day.

Authoritative circles in London emphasise the efficiency of the widely extended British convoy system which gives the protection of powerful units of the Royal Navy to neutral merchant vessels trading with Britain.

The safe arrival of hundreds of convoyed vessels does not constitute news precisely because it is not sensational evidence of the strength of the Royal Navy and is the normal process of international trade.

Recent sinkings of British and neutral vessels, on the other hand, are of sensational news value and were used by German propaganda in an attempt to prove that the convoy system is unsafe for neutrals.

Actually, neutral shipowners, whose ships arrive safely week after week, know this assertion to be absurd.

Neutrals charter ships to the British Government and travel in convoy because it is easier for German submarines to torpedo unaccompanied ships than to attack a convoy, risking depth charges from the escorting vessels. — Reuter.

CAUSE OF EMPIRE

London, To-day.

Contributions in money and kind to the cause of the Empire in the war still continue to arrive from subjects of His Majesty in every quarter of the British Commonwealth of Nations and from dependencies and also from British communities in many foreign lands.

Notable among the latter is the Patriotic Fund raised by the British community in the Argentine, which now amounts to approximately £10,000, either paid already or promised before October 31, 1940.—British Wireless.

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BREMEN'S ARRIVAL AT BREMERHAVEN

"AS LITTLE USE IN GERMANY AT MURMANSK"

London, To-day.

THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD announces the safe arrival of the liner Bremen at Bremerhaven, and it is claimed that another German liner, the New York, has reached Hamburg from Murmansk.

The German claim that the safe passage of the Bremen gives the lie to British claims to have blockaded the North Sea was answered yesterday by Lord Strabolgi, who is an authority on naval matters.

He was answering criticism of the failure of the British submarine commander to stop the Bremen.

We are fighting this war to ensure international law, he said, and international law is that a merchantship can only be attacked after persistent refusal to stop or if she fires back.

If there were no German planes about, the submarine could have come to the surface and fired on the Bremen. If there were planes, she could not surface and also, thanks to international law, could not torpedo the Bremen.

In any event, he said, the Bremen will be as little use to the Nazis in

Germany as she was in Murmansk. MUCH IN HER FAVOUR

No official information is yet available as to whether an attempt was made by the British submarine to take the 51,000-ton German liner Bremen as a prize when she was spotted on her return to Germany from Murmansk, in north Russia.

The German version is that the submarine attempted to attack.

Lord Strabolgi, who was on the Admiralty War Staff in the last war, upholding the action of the submarine commander in not torpedoing the Bremen, declared that as commerce controllers, submarines are unsuitable unless the established international law is disregarded.

"The Bremen, however, is too large to arm as a cruiser and too expensive in fuel and too large to act as a transport."

Lord Strabolgi added the Bremen had much in her favour in eluding British warships because of the long nights and the possibility of using Norwegian territorial waters.—Reuter.

GERMAN GRAIN STORES ROTTING

London, To-day.

The Trieste correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reports that the effects of the blockade and the Russian failure to deliver even one-fifth of the grain supplies promised has compelled Germany to resort to her grain reserves earlier than expected.

The stocks are stored in churches and synagogues and emergency warehouses, and were found to be in very bad condition.

The depots in Hamburg, Berlin and Nuremberg were so bad that an investigation ordered throughout the country revealed that 10 per cent. of the emergency stocks are affected.

GRAIN STORAGE

All the grain has been stored for more than six months, and therefore is being handed out before it becomes wholly unfit for consumption.

Hence the decision of the Government order that bread must contain a minimum of three per cent. of potato flour.

The German public, however, is being told that they are extra supplies due to the fact that the warehouses are overflowing.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S CAPITAL ISSUES

London, To-day.

"The Economist" draws attention to the vast increase in private capital issues in Germany since the outbreak of war.

Total industrial capital issues since the end of August considerably exceed 600,000,000 for railways, whereas in the whole year 1938 private industrial issues only amounted to 107,000,000.

"The Economist" comments that these developments are extremely important.

They show, firstly, that the existing reserve capacity of German industry is almost exhausted, especially electricity, industry and railway rolling stock.

STATE FINANCING

Renewals, replacements and extensions, so long delayed, are now unavoidable to divert the extensive resources to large-scale capital works.

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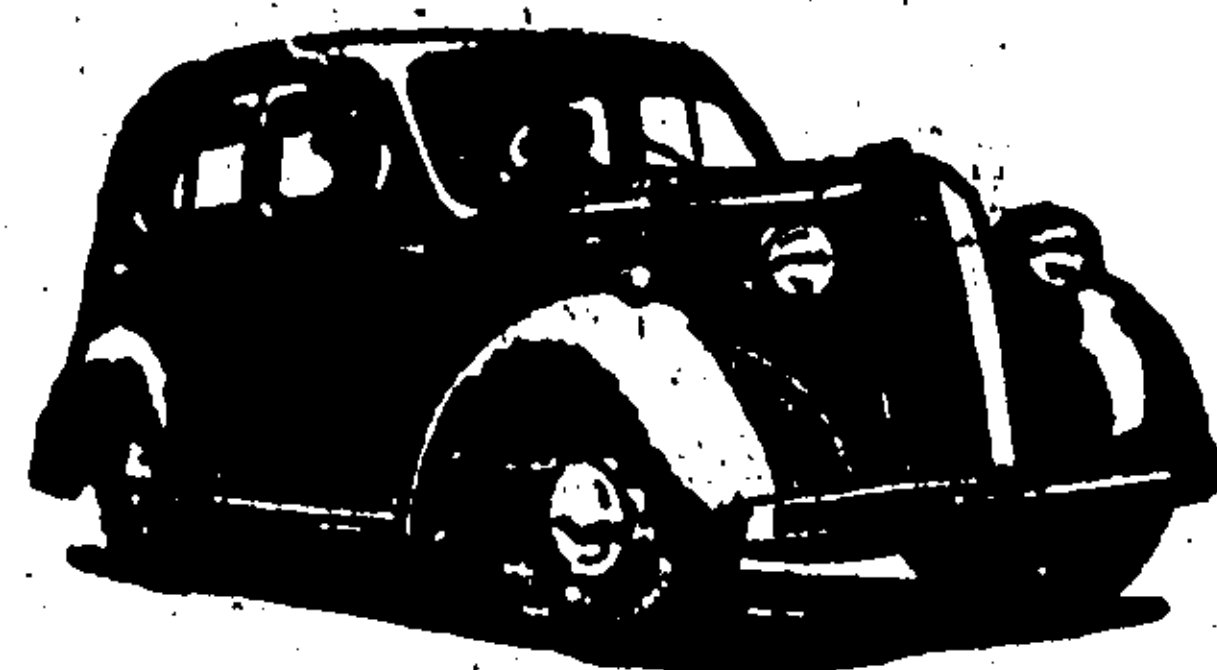
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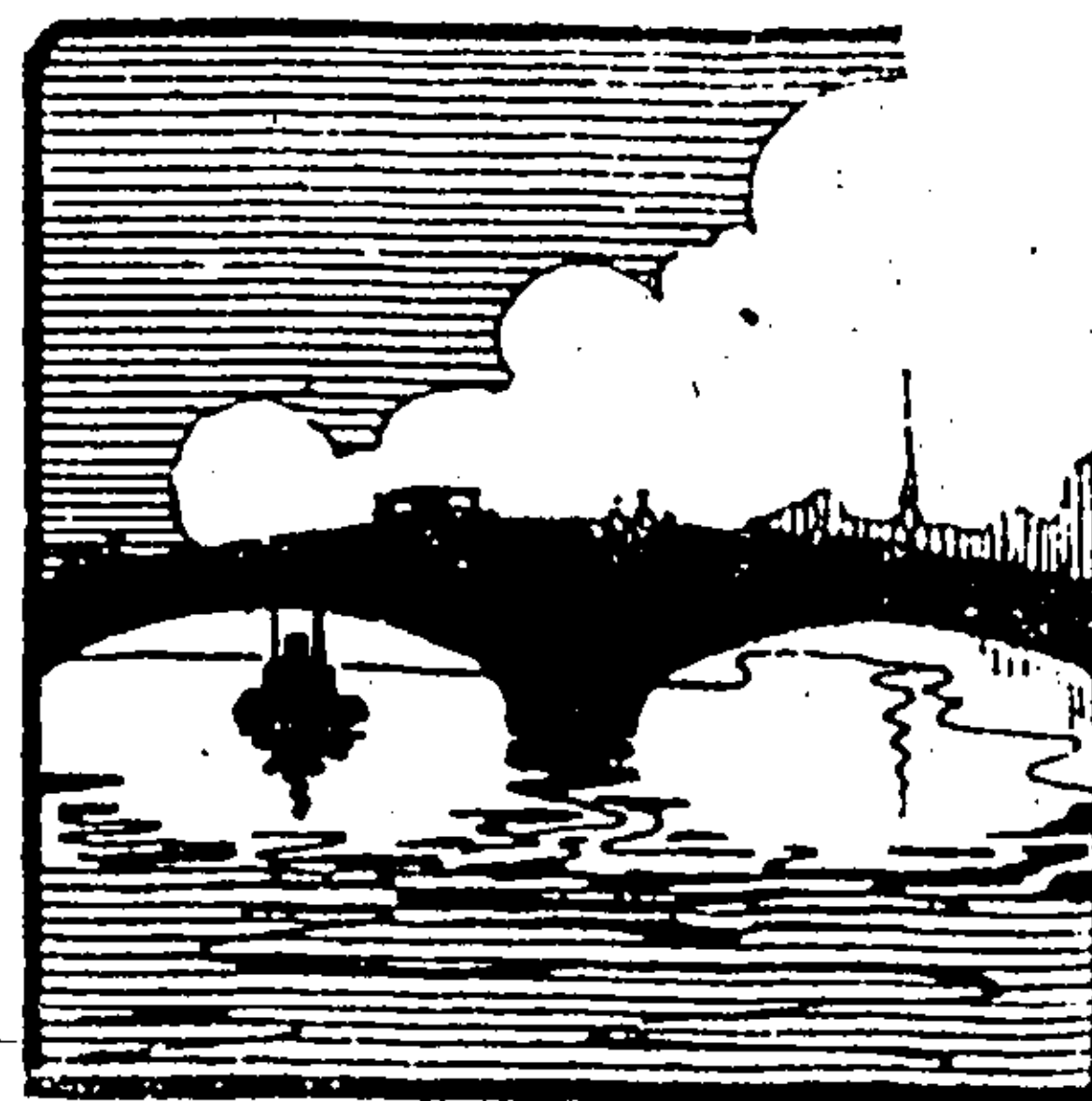
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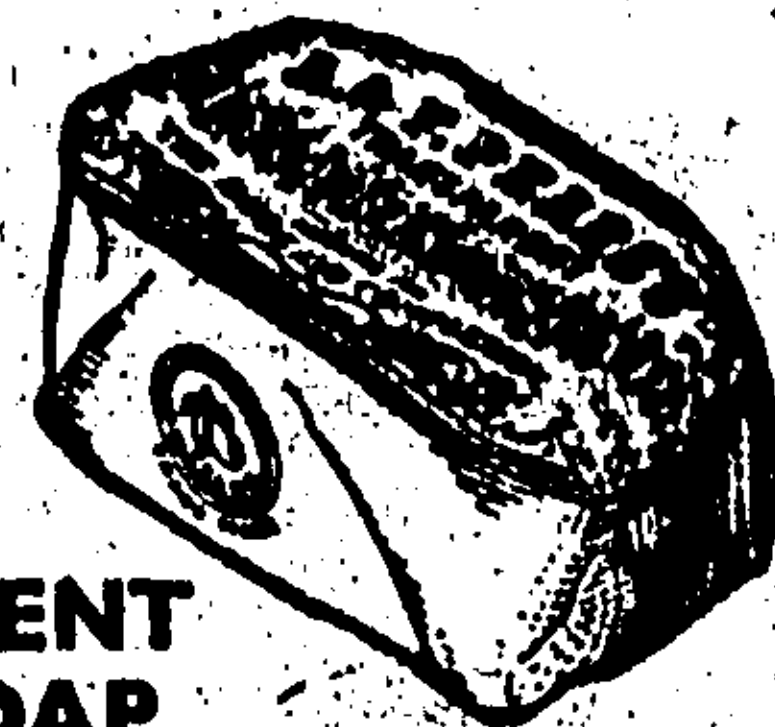
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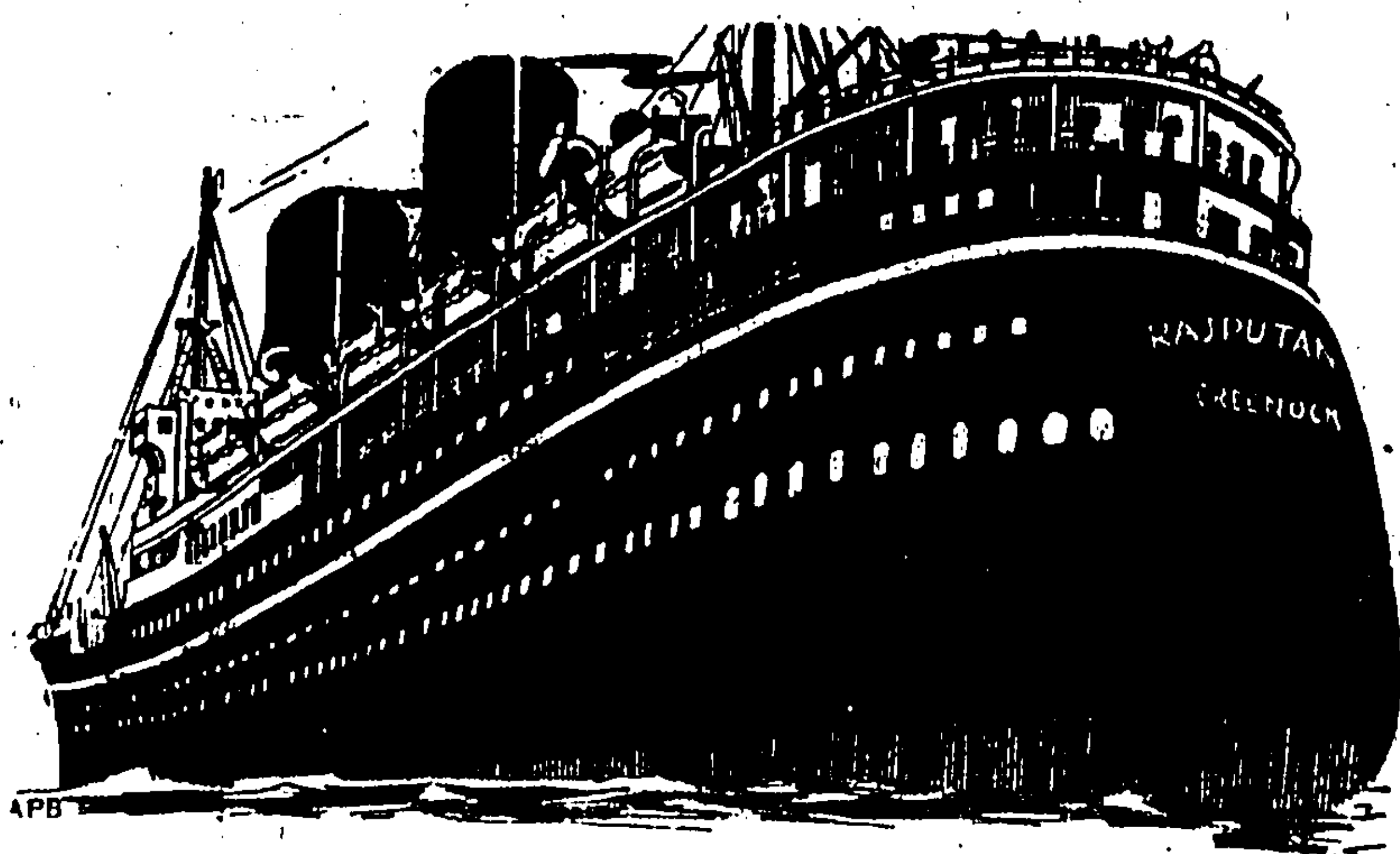
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th Dec.	December 17.
Haiphong	December 17.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	December 17.
Haiphong	December 17.
Straits	December 18.
Shanghai	December 18.
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Straits and Manila	December 18.
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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th December	December 20.
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	Ord.,	Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.

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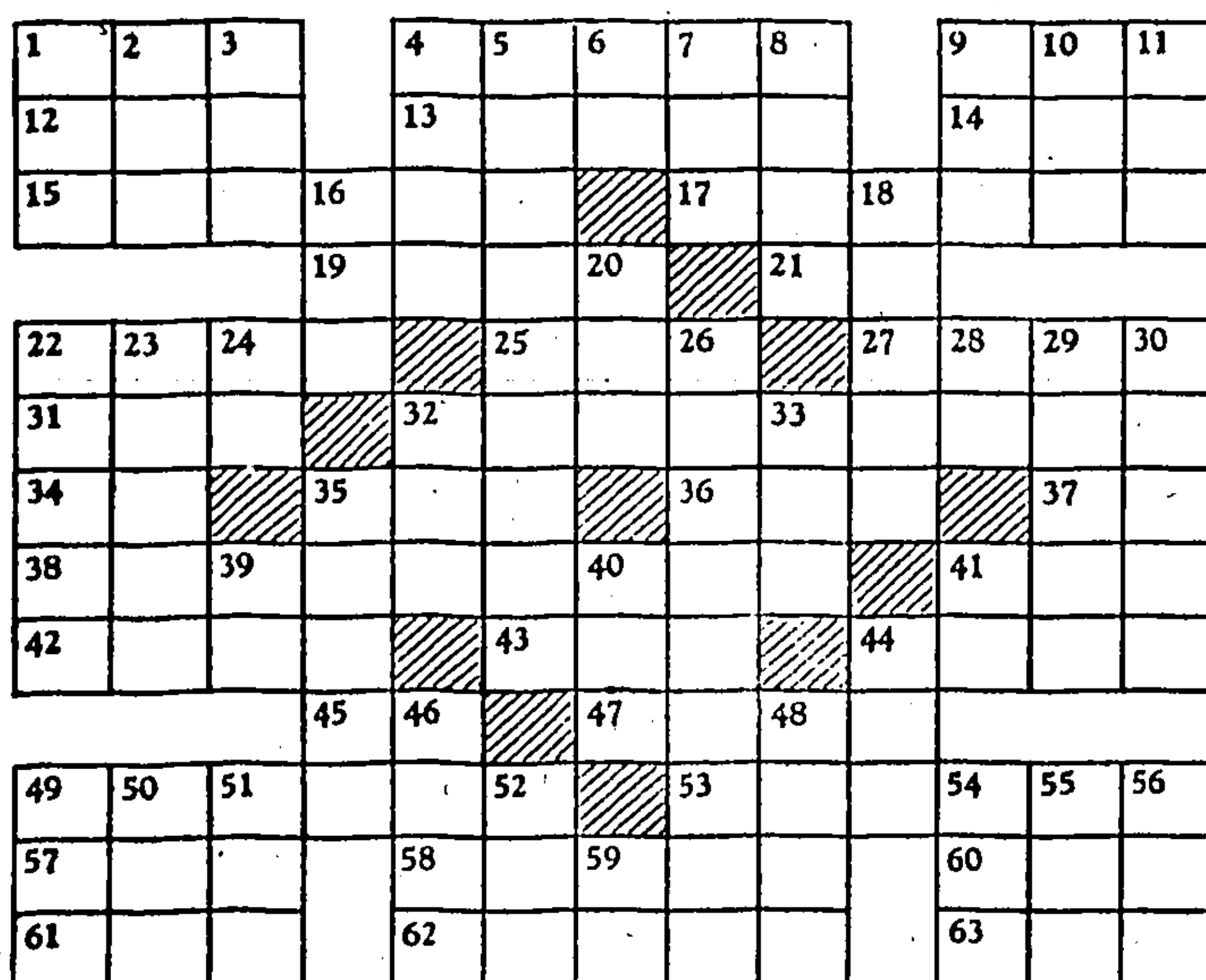
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- 12 Challice
- 13 Rips
- 14 Swiss canton
- 15 Bowl
- 17 Noise
- 19 Verily
- 21 Ancestor of Pharaohs
- 22 Landed
- 25 To soak
- 27 Neighbourhood gatherings
- 31 Insect egg
- 32 Emanation from a medium
- 34 Colloquial: all right
- 35 Word of disapproval
- 36 Position
- 37 Symbol for samarium
- 38 Pleasing
- 41 Through
- 42 Wife of Geraint
- 43 Girl's name
- 44 Subject
- 45 Type measure

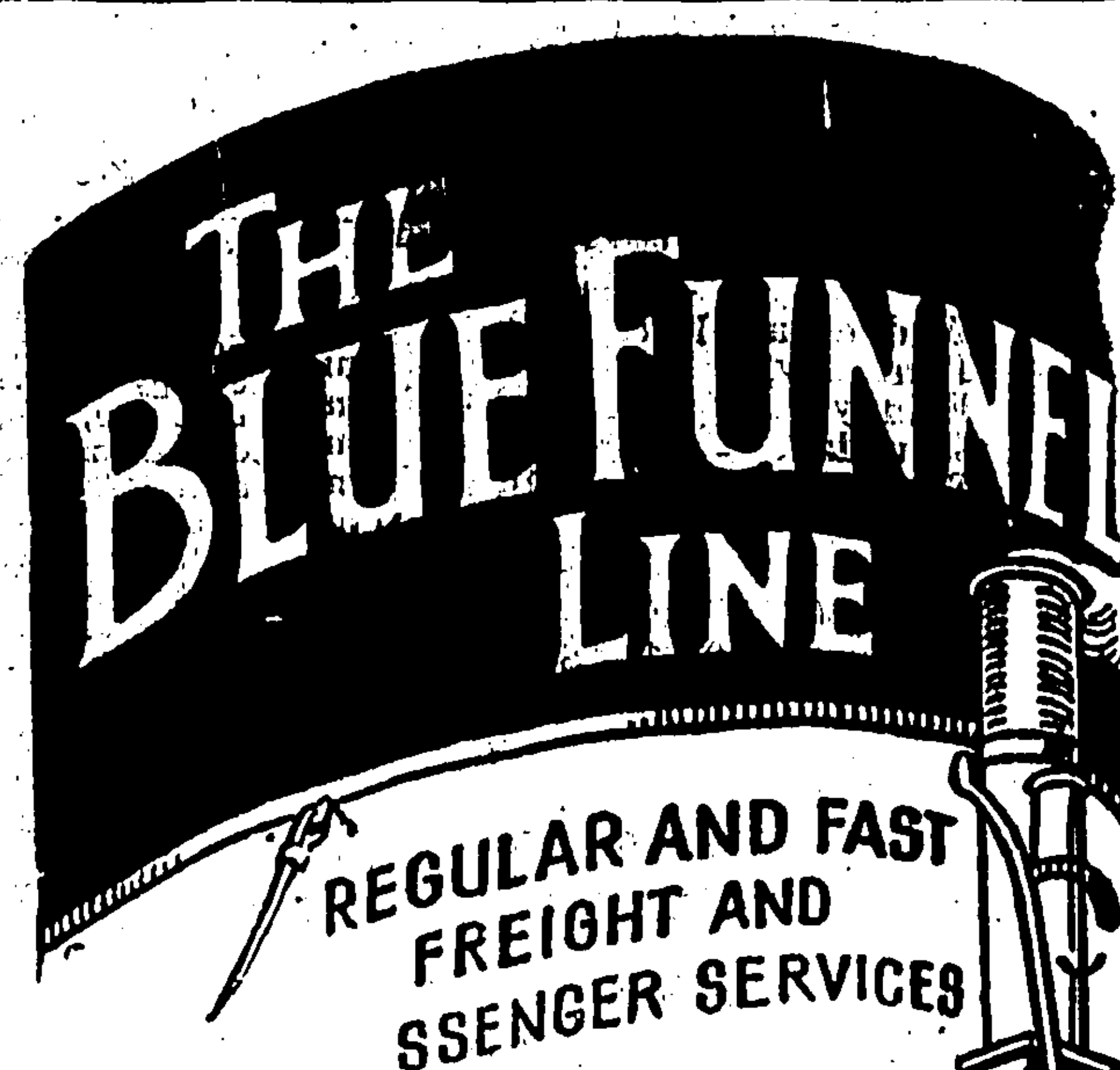
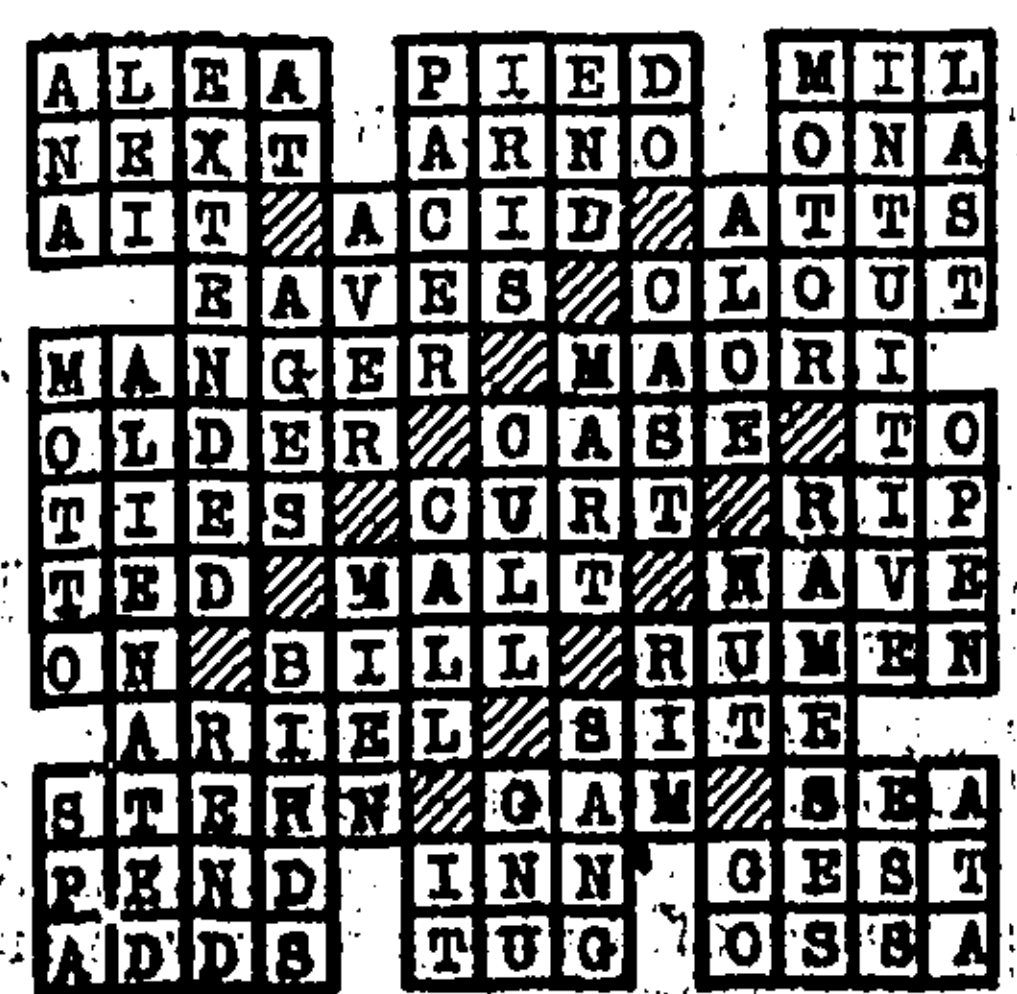
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- 1 Club
- 2 Ostrich
- 3 Black substance
- 4 Entry
- 5 Major-domo
- 6 Note of scale
- 7 To be wrong
- 8 Autocrat
- 9 Sea bird
- 10 Indignation

VERTICAL

- 11 To hold session
- 16 Erode
- 18 Heavy rope
- 20 Negative
- 22 Positive pole
- 23 To compare
- 24 Pronoun
- 26 Dealing
- 28 Babylonian god
- 29 County in England
- 30 Chic
- 32 Grain spike
- 33 Bird
- 35 Waits
- 39 Italian for "yes"
- 40 Serpent
- 41 Hebrew letter
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- 46 Muddle
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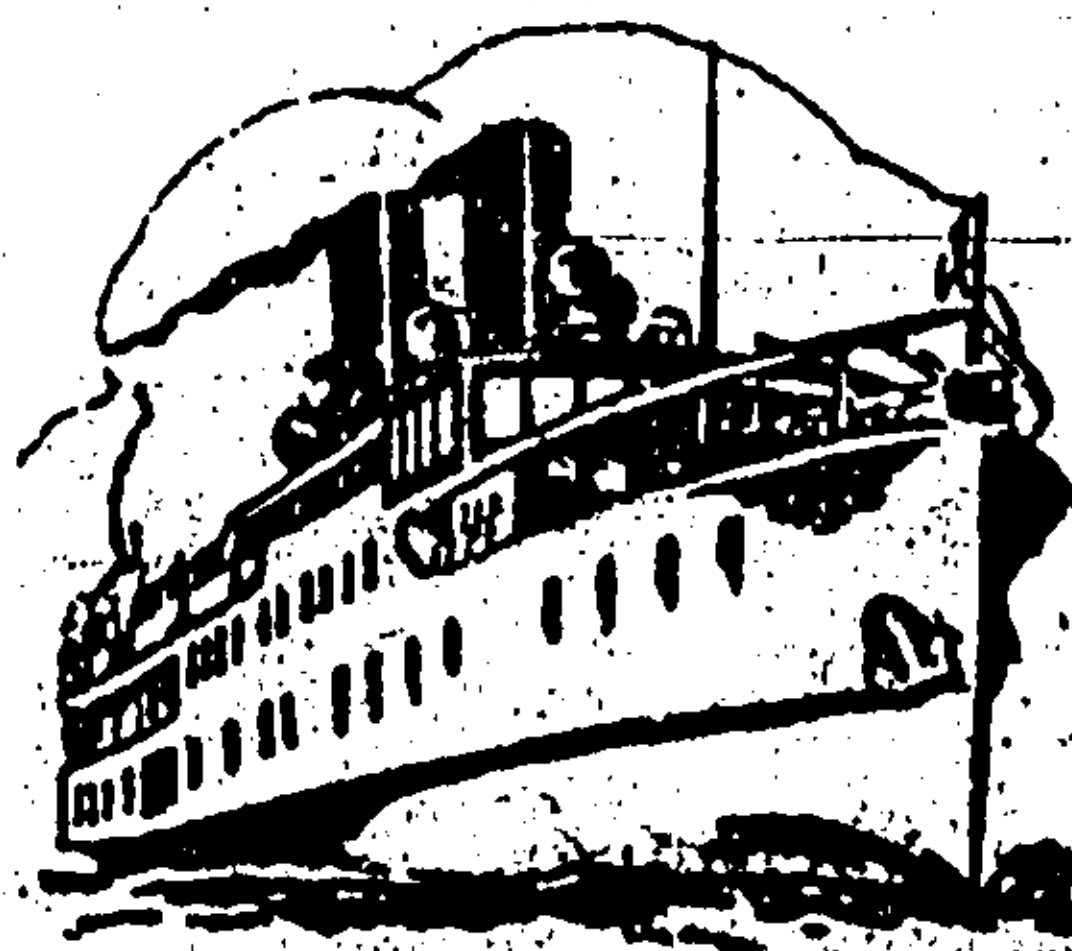
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CHINESE OFFENSIVES

Chungking, To-day.
 The Chinese are continuing their drives in north Hunan, south Hupeh and north Kiangsi.

After losing Taolin, Hsintang and Yanglowsze, along the outer defence lines of Yoyang (Yochow), the Japanese launched a counter-attack, but were repulsed.

In south Hupeh, the Chinese column responsible for the recapture of Tsungyang and Tashaping is pushing south to meet another column driving north in a pincer movement against Tungcheng.—Central News.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Thursday, the 14th. Dec., 1939

commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2

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The Undersigned have received instructions from Liquidators and others to sell by Public Auction on

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1. 1933 Wolseley Hornet 10

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1. Chrysler Drop Head Coupe.

1. Studebaker Coupe.

1. Willys "77" Sedan.

1. 1934 Open Cabriolet.

1. 1936 Vauxhall 14 de-luxe

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GUERILLAS IN KWANGSI ACTIVE

Kweilin, To-day.
 There is increasing Chinese guerilla activity behind the Japanese lines in Kwangsi.

Tangpachu, 25 miles south of Nan-ning, has been re-occupied. Scores of Japanese were killed in the action.

Considerable casualties were also inflicted during a chance encounter at Kowlunghu, northeast of Yam-chow.

Guerillas are moving freely in the Sap Man Tai Shan range, cutting Japanese communication lines and ambushing Japanese transport units.—Central News.

MR. JINNAH URGES ROYAL COMMISSION

Bombay, To-day.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Allied Muslim League, in a lengthy statement reiterating the charges against the Congress Ministries in connection with their treatment of minorities, demands the appointment of a Royal Commission by the British Government.

This, he adds, should be composed purely of judicial personnel with High Court judges under the chairmanship of one of the Law Lords of the Privy Council.

EXCELLENT SHOW

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society's decision to produce a more modern musical comedy this year was greeted with acclamation, and the choice of "No! No! Nanette," in which George Grossmith, Joseph Coyne and Binnie Hale starred in 1925, at the London Palace, proved to be a popular one.

Last night "No! No! Nanette" commenced a run of four nights at Queen's Theatre before the usual poor house, despite the fact that the net proceeds of this production will be given to the British War Organisation Fund.

After a hesitant opening the production went with a swing and, despite the small stage, was certainly a great improvement on recent performances, providing triumphs for Jean Greig as Nanette and Harry Cockle as Jimmy Smith, middle-aged hero of three gold-diggers.

B.W.O.F. REQUEST

The Entertainment Committee of the British War Organisation Fund under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Hobbs (c/o Royal Naval Hospital, Wanchai) are organising various events for the purpose of collecting money in aid of the Fund.

Advertisements appearing in the press, or on posters or tickets to the effect that the proceeds of certain entertainments, Bazaars, etc., will be donated, partly or fully, to the British War Organisation Fund should be submitted in the first instance, to the office of the Hon. Secretary c/o Government House.

The Committee for the Fund are deeply appreciative of all such kind and generous efforts and sincerely trust that Entertainment Organisations will conform to these requirements.

MORE GUNBOATS TO LEAVE YANGTSE

London, To-day.
 The Admiralty announces that three more gunboats are to be taken off the Yangtze, in order to release their crews for more active work elsewhere in connection with the war.—Reuter.

PENINSULA CORNER INCIDENTS

FIVE SUMMONSES ISSUED BY TRAFFIC SERGEANT J. SCRIM AGAINST MR. L. R. BROWN, OF NO. 5, LA SALLE ROAD, WERE HEARD AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

Mr. Brown was alleged to have driven a car with no front lights on two occasions on November 18 (at 8.50 p.m. and at 10.10 p.m.) in Nathan Road and in Salisbury Road, to have failed to keep to the left, to obey a traffic signal or to stop when signalled.

Mr. Brown was represented by his son, who stated that his father was at the Kowloon Cricket Club between 8.20 p.m. and 9.20 p.m. that night, so his father could not have been in Nathan Road at 8.50 p.m.

Sergeant Scrim said that an Indian constable, on duty in the Box in Salisbury Road, at 8.50 p.m. saw the car, No. 390, driven in Nathan Road without front lights. He put up the red signal, but the driver ignored it and turned into Salisbury Road.

At 10.10 p.m., the constable again saw the car without front lights, and came out of his "Box" and used his hands to signal.

The driver completely ignored the signal and turned into Nathan Road. On turning, the driver swerved to the right of the road to avoid a pedestrian and stopped about 25 yards away.

Mr. Macfadyen adjourned the case for a week to enable Mr. Brown to appear.

BEGGING WITH \$1,000

"I can see no reason why you go begging," said Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning when a 58-year-old widow, Leung Kiu, of Canton Road, was charged with begging.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston said she was seen begging in Min Street yesterday. She was released on \$25 bail.

When the police went to her home, a sum of over \$1,000 in cash was found.

AIRCRAFT ORDERS

London, To-day.

It is reported from New York that orders have been placed by the Allied Purchasing Commission for 470 aeroplanes.

Two hundred, valued at £5,000,000 are to be delivered to the Royal Air Force.

The French have ordered 270 bombing machines of a special type, with a speed in excess of 300 miles an hour. —Reuter.



A man with a fiery disposition generally finds the bombs he explodes are more devastating to himself than those they are aimed at.

BUS DRIVER FINED PROFESSOR ON SIGNATURES

Mr. A. L. Cole, first clerk of the Kowloon Magistracy, was complainant this morning at the Kowloon Police Court when a Kowloon Bus Company driver was summoned for failing to stop the bus when required in Prince Edward Road.

Mr. Cole, in evidence, said that at 8.20 a.m. on November 18, he was waiting at a bus stop in Prince Edward Road, near the Railway Bridge. He saw a No. 13 route bus (No. 655) coming and he and two others, signalled it to stop. The driver ignored the signal and continued on.

As the bus passed, he saw a number, at least three or four, of vacant seats in the first class. No persons were standing either in the first or in the third classes. The "Bus Full" sign was not up.

The driver, Lo King-fai, claimed that bus was full and said he was signalled not to stop by the conductor.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

CAR STOLEN

Miss Kwok Chun-chung, of No. 99, Robinson Road, has reported that her motor car, No. 2083, was stolen from Babington Path, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. yesterday.

Sapper Jones, of the Royal Engineers, knocked down a Chinese woman yesterday, when driving a lorry in Hennessy Road. The woman was treated at Queen Mary Hospital.

PROFESSOR HSU TI-SHAN, HEAD OF THE CHINESE SCHOOL, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY WAS CALLED TO GIVE EXPERT EVIDENCE ON CHINESE SIGNATURES AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING WHEN THE "FORGED" MORTGAGE CASE WAS RESUMED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR.

Professor Hsu stated that the signatures on the mortgage deeds were not the same as those written in Court by plaintiffs.

The case continues this afternoon.

PROTECTION RACKET CHARGE

Cheung Kam-chiu, 18, and Wong Kam, 26, lorry driver, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with intimidating a Chinese girl, Cheung Kwai-ying, in Wanchai yesterday.

Defendants, who denied the charge, were remanded for further enquiries.

It was alleged that defendants threatened the girl, ordering to join a certain society to avoid being assaulted.

Sergeant J. Bentley is in charge of the case.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, Mrs. M. Johnstone, of No. 3, May Road, was fined \$10 for leaving her car longer than necessary in Des Vouex Road Central near Ice House Street, on November 17.

Miss Bascombe, of the Bellios Girls' School, was fined \$5 for a similar offence.

Summoned for causing an obstruction and driving in a closed road without permission, Miss M. J. Paterson, of No. 2, Conduit Road, was fined \$10.

It was said that Miss Paterson drove into May Road, which was closed to traffic.

WING ON COMPANY THEFT

So Po-lau, 26, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with stealing five bottles of Hennessy brandy, a sports jacket, and a woollen pullover, from the Wing On Company.

He was employed as a clerk in the Company at the time of the theft. He was arrested in Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

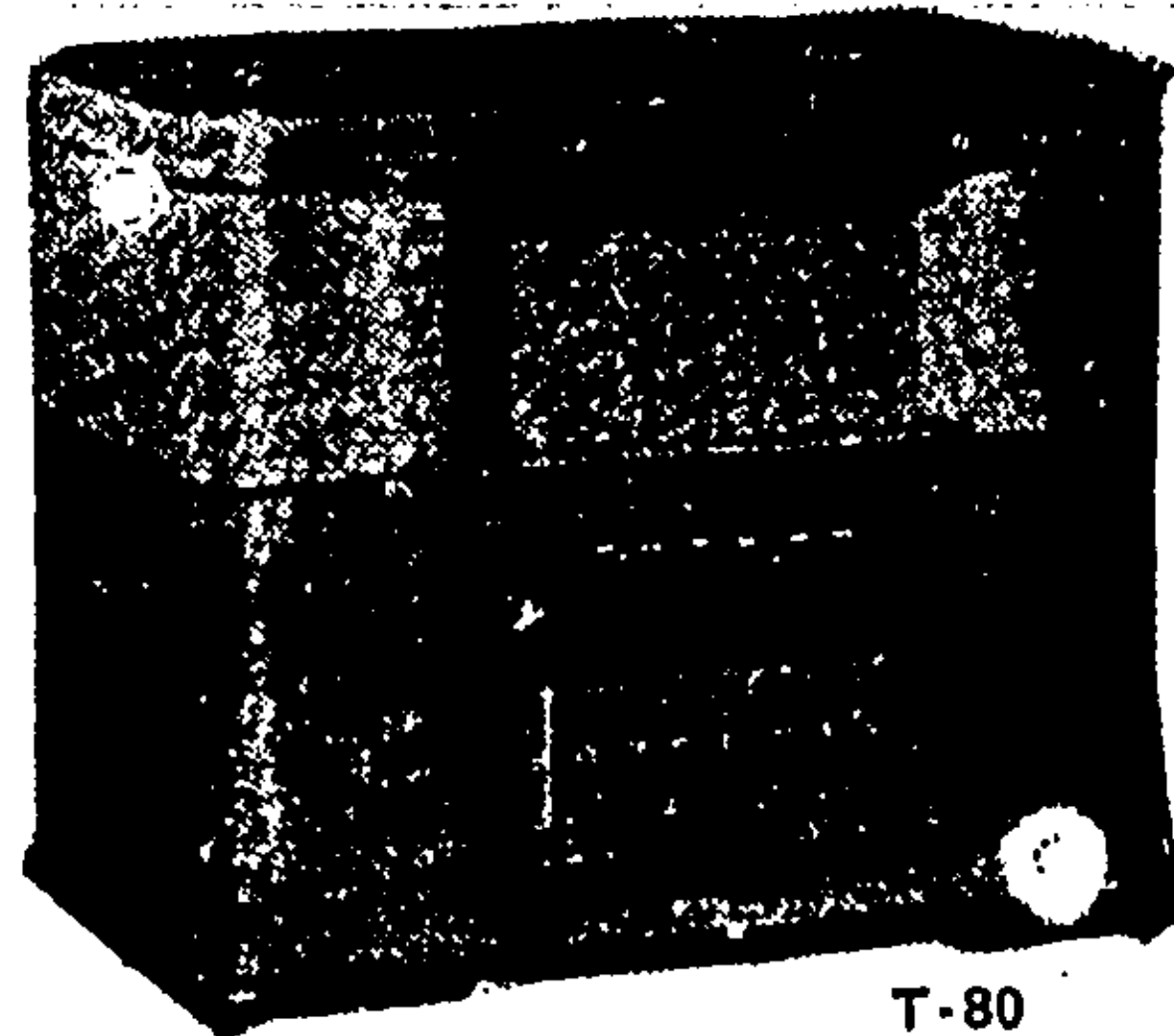
LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Silver was quoted at 23-1/2 spot and 23-11/16 forward.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.93-3/4.

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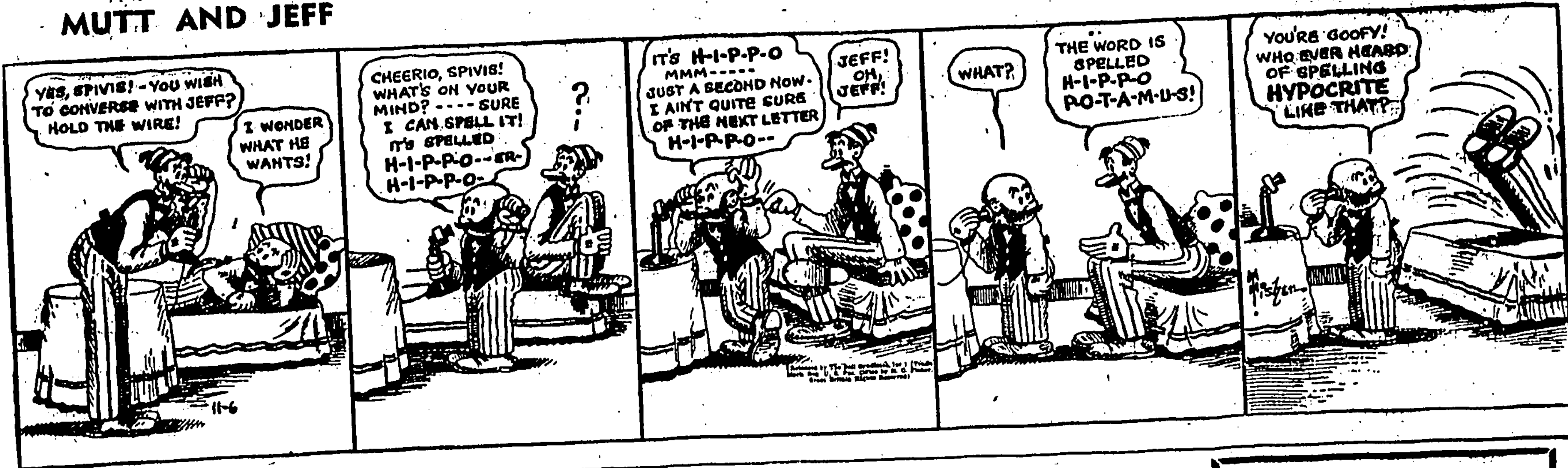
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6.45 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
The Frailty of Life (Nantglyn); The
Blacksmith's Song (Hirialthog)...
William Edwards (Tenor) with
Harp accomp. by Telynores
Gwynyll.
The little thatched cottage (arr. Os-
borne Roberts); David of the
White Rock (arr. Osborn Roberts)
... Leila Megane (Contralto) with
Piano.
6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
7.00 p.m.—Half an hour of Dance
Music.
Fox-Trot—I'd Like To See Samoa of
Samoa (film '52nd Street'); Tango
—Lonely Troubadour... Manto-
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Slow Fox-Trot—Say The Word and
It's Yours (film 'First a Girl');

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Rag... The Ballyhooligans.
Slow Fox-Trot—Star Dust Covered
Bundle... Joe Loss & His Orch.
Tangos—Twilight; Jingle Bells
... E. Bohr's Argentine Tango
Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—You Were There (from
'To-night at 8.30')... The Phoenix
Theatre Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The
News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—GLAZOUNOW — Stenka
Razine. Orchestra of the Brussels
Royal Conservatoire.
8.17 p.m.—STUDIO — A Bach and
Elgar Programme by Peter Gracey
(Piano).
8.45 p.m.—STUDIO — Talk on "An
Englishman's Impressions of Chung-
king".
9.05 p.m.—SONGS by Keith Falkner
(Baritone).
A Song Doesn't Care (film 'Mayfair
Melody').

Without The Moon (film 'Mayfair
Melody').
San Diego Betty (film 'Mayfair
Melody').
... with Orchestra and Chorus.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News
Summary.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"Vic-
torian Melodies". Musical Sequence
of Old Favourites. Produced and
conducted by Stanford Robinson.
10.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — "The
Maginot Line". A feature pro-
gramme of troops on the Western
Front.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Back-
ground to News".
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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After the bidding had stopped
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South had proceeded to
make seven, North was very indig-
nant and said to his partner: "Inasmuch
as you had a line hand and I gave
you very strong bidding, don't you
think you might have made some
effort to get to a Small Slam at least?"
South replied with some heat, "You
certainly are a 'result' player. True,
I did have a fair hand, but my spade
suit was weak. If you will just cool-
ly judge the hand on its merits, you
will find that we had far less than an
even chance for even a Small Slam."

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A K 3
♥ A Q 2
♦ A 9 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ 10 9 4
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ K 7
♣ K J 5 2

♠ J 8 7 6 2
♥ K 5 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ A 9

The bidding:
North East South West
10 Pass 1♠ Pass
8♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
Pass Pass

West had opened a heart and South
had then drawn three rounds of
trumps, following which he led the
diamond Queen. West
had covered with the
King and the diamond
ten in East's hand had
then been captured by
a second finesse. Final-
ly, Declarer's losing
club had been discar-
ded on dummy's dis-
card suit.

South now pointed out, "First of all,
I got a favourable opening, whereas a
club would immediately have put me
in difficulties. Second, the trumps all
dropped, although I figured to lose one
trump trick and possibly two. Finally,
the diamond suit was so favourably
distributed that I was able to finesse
successfully first for the King and then
for the ten."

North now admitted somewhat
sheepishly, "I guess it wouldn't have
been a very good Slam contract after
all."

Yesterday you were Howard Schen-
ken's partner and held:

♠ K J 9 x x
♥ K Q x
♦ A Q x x
♣ x

The bidding:
Burnstone Schenken Jacoby You
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ANSWER: Your correct bid is to
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this hand is one of those where no-
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keep still, the opponents are very
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QUESTION NO. 283

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♥ A J 9 x x
♦ x
♣ x

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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CHINA'S TEAM

The following players have been se-
lected to represent China in her foot-
ball match against Ireland in the first
game of the "Sunday Herald" Interna-
tional Charity Cup to be played on
Caroline Hill, on Sunday:

Tam Kwan-hon (S.C.A.A.); Lee Tin-sang
(S.C.A.A.); Lee Kwok-wai (Kwong Wah);
Lau Che-cham (Eastern); Hsu King-cheng
(Eastern); Lau Chung-sang (S.C.A.A.);
Yeung Shui-yick (S.C.A.A.); Fung King-
cheong (S.C.A.A.); Lee Wal-tong, Captain,
(S.C.A.A.); Chang Kum-hai (Eastern);
Hau Chin-to (Eastern). Reserves—Lau
Hin-hon, Lau Wal-kuen, Tsang Chung-wan
(Eastern); Mak Shiu-hon, Chan Tak-fai
(S.C.A.A.); Chau Man-chi, Tze Kam-hung,
Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Manager—
Mr. W. H. Chen.

Navy's Non-Appearance

The First Division League football
match between Middlesex Regiment
and Royal Navy, scheduled for next
Saturday at Sookunpoo, but brought
forward to yesterday afternoon on the
same ground at 4 p.m., was not held,
the Navy failing to make an appear-
ance.

The preliminary matches in the R.A. Cup
polo competition which were scheduled to
have taken place yesterday at Boundary
Street, were postponed and will take place
next Monday.

ISOBEL'S SUCCESS

The following is the result of a
sweepstake race held by the Royal
Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday.

Finished	Pos.
Isobel	17.11.19 1
Gull	17.17.01 2
Jean	17.17.39 3
La Linda	17.24.29 4
Eve	D. N. F.

INTER-CLUB TENNIS

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club
will entertain a mixed doubles tennis
team from the neighbouring Kowloon
Cricket Club on Sunday. Matches
will start at 2 p.m., and the following
players will represent the K.C.C.

Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Millard, Mrs.
Goodwin, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Madar,
Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Wexham.
Messrs. H. W. Crabb (Captain), P.
Wynter-Blyth, A. C. Perry, F. Ken-
gelbacker, H. Wexham, G. E. Taylor,
D. Curtis, and G. M. Gillard.

H.K.H.C. HELD

Hong Kong Hockey Club and Club
de Recrelo played a goalless draw in
a friendly game on Club ground,
King's Park, yesterday.
Club, except for their goalkeeper,
fielded a regular 1st XI team. Re-
crelo, on the other hand, played sev-
eral reserves.

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CRICKET

SPLENDID ALL-ROUND FEAT BY A. el ARCULLI Scores 87 And Takes 7 For 31 Against Queen's

MARTIN AND GREEN AMONG THE WICKETS

TWO CRICKET MATCHES were played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

In an inter-unit Army match Signals, thanks to the fine bowling of Martin (8 for 17) scored a narrow victory over Medical Corps for whom Q.M.S. Green was again prominent with 6 for 45.

Highest score of the match was Q.M.S. Paterson's 34 which included 6 boundaries.

The splendid all-round form of A. el Arculli featured the match between La Salle and Queen's College.

Arculli batted brilliantly hitting no fewer than 18 fours in an innings of 87. Next highest scorer for La Salle was R. Sequeira with 131.

Arculli followed up his batting with a devastating piece of bowling, which brought him 7 for 31 in 8 overs.

At one period his analysis read 4 for 8 but a bad 4th over, when he conceded three boundaries, spoiled what would have been even more remarkable figures.

Arculli occasionally plays for Indian Recreation Club.

QUEEN'S HEAVY DEFEAT

Playing against La Salle College at Sookunpoo yesterday, Queen's College was beaten by 61 runs.

LA SALLE	
A. el Arculli, c Gopal Singh, b T. T. Lo	87
E. Remedios, c Gopal Singh, b Sarwar Khan	0
C. Soares, b Sarwar Khan	0
G. Yvanovitch, c Ayoo Khan, b Gopal Singh	1
A. Remedios, b Gopal Singh	0
L. D'Almada Remedios, b Gopal Singh	6
R. Sequeira, b Khan Mohammed	13
L. Silva, c Fida Hussain, b T. T. Lo	6
E. Greenwich, c Gopal Singh, b K. Mohammed	2
M. Rozario, c Sarwar Khan, b Gopal Singh	8
T. Rodrigues, not out	0
Extras (W2, B2)	4
Total	127

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M. R. W.
Gopal Singh	7 0 49 4
Sarwar Khan	5 0 39 2
Ayoo Khan	1 0 16 0
Khan Mohammed	4 1 4 2
T. T. Lo	2 0 15 2

QUEEN'S COLLEGE	
Balwart Singh, c Yvanovitch, b Arculli	0
Ayoo Khan, c and b D'Almada Remedios	8
Sarwar Khan, c and b Arculli	0
Aziz Ahmed, not out	41
T. T. Lo, c Soares, b Arculli	0
Narinder Singh, b Arculli	0
Rallan Singh, c E. Remedios, b D'Almada Remedios	0
Fida Hussain, b Arculli	1
Gopal Singh, b D'Alma Remedios	4
K. Mohammed, b Arculli	2
Sardar Ahmed, c E. Remedios, b D'Almada Remedios	5
Extras (B5)	5
Total	66

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M. R. W.
Arculli	8 3 31 7
L. Remedios	7 2 30 3

MARTIN'S FINE BOWLING

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Corps of Signals beat Royal Army Medical Corps by 13 runs in a friendly game.

SIGNALS	
Cpl. Blount, b Webb	18
L/Cpl. Tomlinson, c Swyer, b Webb	10
L/Cpl. Murphy, lbw., b Green	5
Sig. Medford, b Green	0
Pte. Young, b Green	14
Sig. Lithauer, c Platt, b Webb	11
Pte. Martin, b Green	12
Sig. Lees, c Hanlan, b Green	7
Pte. Cook, c Green, b Webb	0
Sig. Love, c Hanlan, b Green	7
Sig. Marsden, not out	5
Extras (B14)	14
Total	102

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M. R. W.
Green	14 1 45 6
Dunne	4 0 15 0
Webb	8 0 26 4
Hanlan	1 0 9 0

R.A.M.C.	
Q.M.S. Patterson, b Martin	34
Cpl. Webb, c Murphy, b Martin	18
Cpl. Hanlan, b Martin	0
Major Swyer, c and b Martin	13
Sgt. Shorthouse, c Lithauer, b Martin	12
Pte. Dunne, b Martin	0
Q.M.S. Green, c Blount, b Martin	2
Pte. Bennett, b Martin	0
Sgt. Platt, c Love, b Murphy	1
Pte. Leverington, b Murphy	0
Pte. Workman, not out	0
Extras (B16)	10
Total	96

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M. R. W.
Blount	4 0 25 0
Murphy	2 0 9 2
Martin	7 2 17 8
Young	5 0 29 0

PRYDE BACK TO C.B.S. CRICKET TEAM

The return of W. G. Pryde to the school team after a lengthy absence owing to examinations, was responsible for great improvement in the C.B.S. team.

Yesterday, despite an innings of 63 by Capt. Grose and 6 for 20 by Spr. Ratcliffe, they managed to hold Royal Engineers to a draw.

Pryde played a dour innings of 52 not out and, well assisted by K. A. Meffan, who went in at the fall of the eighth wicket, added 86 runs for the ninth wicket.

Norman Smith took 4 for 27. Engineers—143 for 9 dec. (Capt. Grose 63, Sgt. Denyer 24; N. L. Smith 4 for 27.)

C. B. S.—195 for 8 (W. G. Pryde 52 not out, K. A. Meffan 37 not out; Ratcliffe 6 for 20.)

ST. JOSEPH'S TROUNCED

In a match played at Pokfulam yesterday, the University scored 194 and dismissed the whole of the St. Joseph's College side for 29 runs.

University—194 (Chew Thiam-tsiw 52 retired, C. N. Matthews 36, Kenneth Lo 30 and W. S. Gegg 27.) St. Joseph's—28 (S. K. Kahn 11; W. S. Gegg 6 for 8, R. Singh 4 for 18).

C. C. C. CRICKET TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club against Middlesex Regt. on Saturday, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

A. R. H. Esmull (Capt.); N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmull, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulce, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, and W. Hong Sling.

Scorer—H. W. Randall. Umpire—G. Ladd.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS

The following are Hong Kong Cricket Club Teams for Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.

1st XI (v K.C.C. at Kowloon):—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, G. P. Charlton, A. T. Dow, Lt. Com. A. H. Finlay, J. H. Fox, R. D. Gillespie, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, J. L. C. Pearce and L. T. Rido.

2nd XI (v University at H.K.C.C.):—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, H. J. D. Lowe, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Pottier, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and T. M. Sulter.

BADMINTON LEAGUE TABLE "B" DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's College	4	4	0	27	9	8
St. John's	1	1	0	6	3	2
Kowloon Tong	2	1	1	7	11	2
St. Teresa's	1	0	1	3	6	0
St. Andrew's	2	0	2	6	12	0
K.C.C.	2	0	2	5	13	0

ROYAL SCOTS TRIUMPH

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Club expected stern opposition from Royal Scots yesterday in their mid-week Rugby match, but the inclusion of five stalwarts of the first fifteen in the "A" team proved of no avail and, despite a late rally, they lost by two goals (10 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) after being 10-3 down at the interval.

Considering Duke was an absentee and the rest of the team were on night operations, the Royals performed very creditably, especially Lang and Pinkerton, the latter being head and shoulders above the other forwards on view. Cuthbertson played in the threequarter line and was responsible for Boe's score. Boe was more at home as centre three-quarter and Lang did well at fly-half, though he received little support from Gracie, who was playing behind a pack which seldom secured the ball from the tight.

Alec Taylor made a welcome return to the Club ranks and seems fit again, taking part in several promising forward movements. Bidwell passed very accurately and had a good understanding with Carruthers on the wing. Day cut through several times, but his passing was invariably poor. Stout showed improved form at forward, but the Club pack failed to last the game and were beaten repeatedly in the loose and line-outs.

THE SCORING

Cuthbertson was responsible for the opening try when he evaded Day, punted ahead and then transferred to Boe, who went over between the posts and added the goal points himself. Lang knocked on a pass shortly after but the infringement passed unnoticed and he broke through only to pass wildly to Pinkerton who was backing up. Pinkerton, however, did just what nine out of ten local forwards would not have done—took the ball at his feet instead of risking a knock-on when attempting to pick up the loose ball and scored an excellent try which Boe did well to convert. A good bout of passing then saw Day cut through and touch down far out, Stout failing to reduce further the Club arrears. In the second half Club rallied well, but their only score came early in the half, when Bidwell broke through to send Butcher over between the posts. Bidwell converted. In the closing minutes Pinkerton touched down after a magnificent dribble but the ball had crossed the dead line.

Royal Scots — Laughlin; Peody, Bee, Cuthbertson and Phillips; Lang and Gracie; Coomb, Sutherland, Pursey, Lane, Durie, Pinkerton, Ross and Gibson.

Club "A" — Thompson; Lavalie, Day, Bidwell and Carruthers; Butcher and Henderson; Stoker, Salter, Stout, Needham, King, Cullinan, Bonn and Taylor.

BADMINTON

KING'S WIN AGAIN

At King's College last night, King's College had little difficulty in winning their "B" Division badminton match with Kowloon Cricket Club, only dropping two games.

The College first and second strings did not win a game but K. H. Lo and T. Lam were well beaten by Fisher and Wynter-Blyth and T. A. Madar and B. C. Kevan.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's) beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth 21-7 beat B. C. Kevan and T. A. Madar 21-0 beat E. L. Curtis and A. Zimmerman 21-6

K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's) lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 14-21 lost to Kevan and Madar 13-21 beat Curtis and Zimmerman 21-9 S. P. Chan and W. M. Cheung (K.C.C.) beat Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 21-19 beat Kevan and Madar 21-0 beat Curtis and Zimmerman 21-2

ARMY RUGBY CHANGES

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Army have made drastic changes in their team to meet Navy in the Triangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday at Sookunpoo.

Boe has been dropped from the fly-half position and a place at centre threequarter could not be found for him with Waite and Lang both fit. Marsh is not playing on the wing, being replaced by Artingstall, who did well against Club "A" last Saturday, and Ridsdale is not available due to the fact he is down with malaria.

Hewitt is back in the pack, but only as a front row forward, Sutherland being given the hooking position.

May, a newcomer from the Durhams, is reputed to be an excellent scrum-half and is being given his first trial here in a big representative game.

Marsh's weak tackling caused his omission, but the exclusion of Boe will cause criticism as Lang could have been played at fly-half, and Boe at centre threequarter. Hook, an excellent tackle, could then have been given the unenviable job of marking Bowden instead of relying on the comparatively inexperienced Artingstall, who is really a centre threequarter.

DOUGLAS TAKES LINE

While on the subject of Army Rugby, many will be pleased to hear that Douglas, the fly-half, is recovering quickly from an injured elbow and was taking a line yesterday.

Hunt, the Irish international full-back, is in the Colony at the moment, attached to the Gunners, and if he could be persuaded to play it would release Picton, who has speed and swerve, to take one of the wing positions.

Following will present Army: Picton; Artingstall, Waite, Lang and Skipworth; Hook and May; Evans, Sutherland, Hewitt, Whitehead, Berry, Pinkerton, Cuthbertson and Duke.

The Navy team is not yet available. (Continued on Page 18)

RUGBY A.A. GUNNERS BEAT SAPPERS

(Continued from Page 17)

able, but it is understood Stevens, the full-back, will be available and it is hoped Carter will be fit again. Navy could also call on Bennett, an excellent hooker, Swales and Wright of Kai Tak if they desired.

Navy Selections

The Navy team will be selected from the following:—Pay Lieutenant Stevens, Lieutenant Bax; Telegraphist Bowden, Telegraphist Paul, Midshipman Nicoll, Sub Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieutenant Commander Clark, Lieutenant Carter, Sub Lieutenant Plugge, Leading Writer Ferris; Leading Writer Barlow, Lieutenant (E) Brown, L. S. A. Palmer, Flight Lieutenant Taylor, Petty Officer Smart, Chief Writer King, Lieutenant Bayley and Pay

Lieutenant Charles.

The following have been selected to represent Army v Navy at Sookunpoo on Saturday, Kick Off 4.00 p.m.

L/Cpl. Pleton (R.E.), Sapper. Artingstall (R.E.), L/Cpl. Walte (R.E.), Sergt. Lang (R.A.O.C.), Lieut. Skipwith (8th H.R.A.); Lieut. Hook (8th H.R.A.), Lieut. May (D.L.I.); L/Bdr. Evans (5th A.A.R.A.), Corpl. Sutherland (R.S.), Lieut. Hewitt (Mdx. R.); L/Bdr. Whitehead (5th A.A.R.A.), Pte. Perry (Mdx. R.); Capt. Duke (R.S.), Lieut. Cuthbertson (R.S.), Lieut. Pinkerton (R.S.).

Reserves:—Bomdr. Marsh (8th H.R.A.), L/Cpl. Boe (R.S.), L/Cpl. Smith (Scaforth's), Corpl. Brinkley (R.E.), and Sergt. Page (5th A.A.R.A.).

Players are requested to be on the ground by 3.45 p.m. Kit will be provided less boots. Hon. Sec., will be informed by return of anyone unable to play.

ALTHOUGH their inside right, Bachwards, the end of the first half, for one player throughout the second period still able to beat Royal Engineers' yes friendly hockey match by the odd goal goals at the interval.

The winning team was much stronger, being faster than their opponents, who, despite hard work, were always kept on the defensive in the first period.

Indar Singh, the centre-forward, who was the most dangerous player for the winners, scored two goals in quick succession in the middle of first half; the first on his own and the other from a centre by Bachan Singh.

On resumption, Engineers improved and launched many determined attacks but fine co-operation by the winning backs, kept them out.

TAYLOR'S GOAL

Cpl. T. Taylor, left half for the

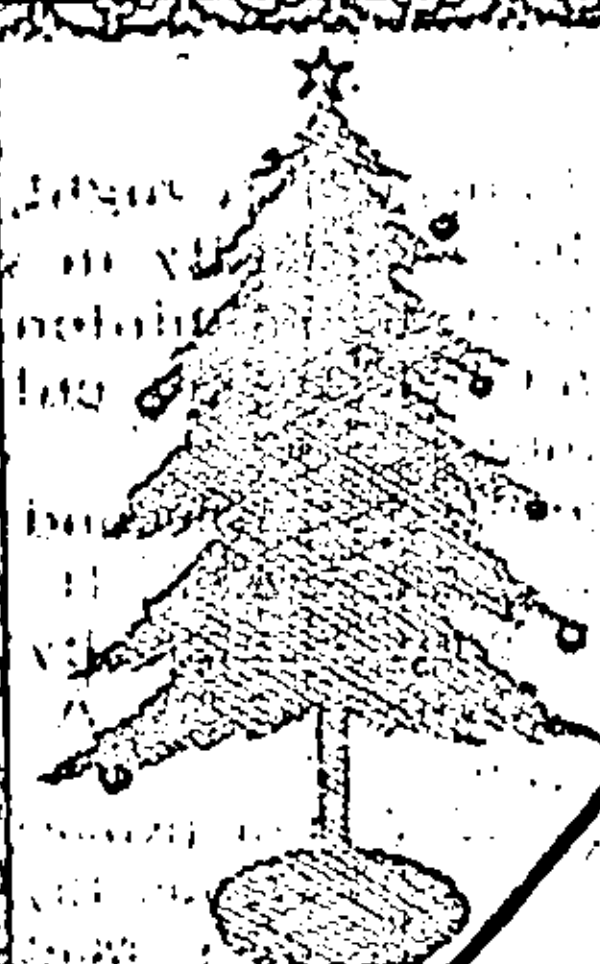
an Singh, was ordered off the field to dangerous play, and they were short too, 5th A.A. Regiment, R.A., were terday afternoon at Sookunpoo in a in three, after leading by two clear

losers, registered their only goal near the end from a centre from L/Cpl. Singleton, inside right.

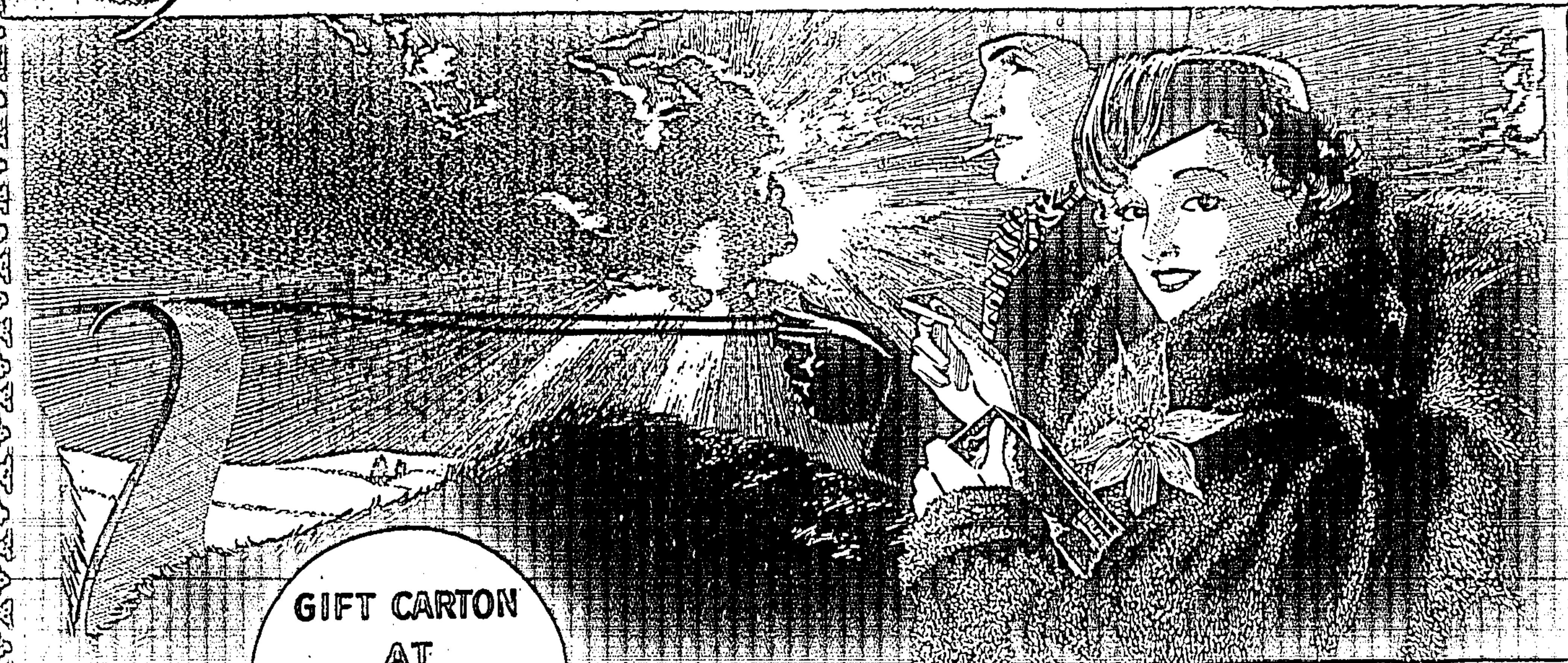
Sardara Singh, right winger, and Raper, in the pivotal position, were prominent for the winners, while G. Taylor and Spr. Moore, left back, did well for the losers.

5th A.A. Rgt., R.A.:—Bratdick; Salsbury and Winstanley; Meek, Raper and Karm Singh; Sardara Singh, Bachan Singh, Indar Singh, Gian Singh and Farrington.

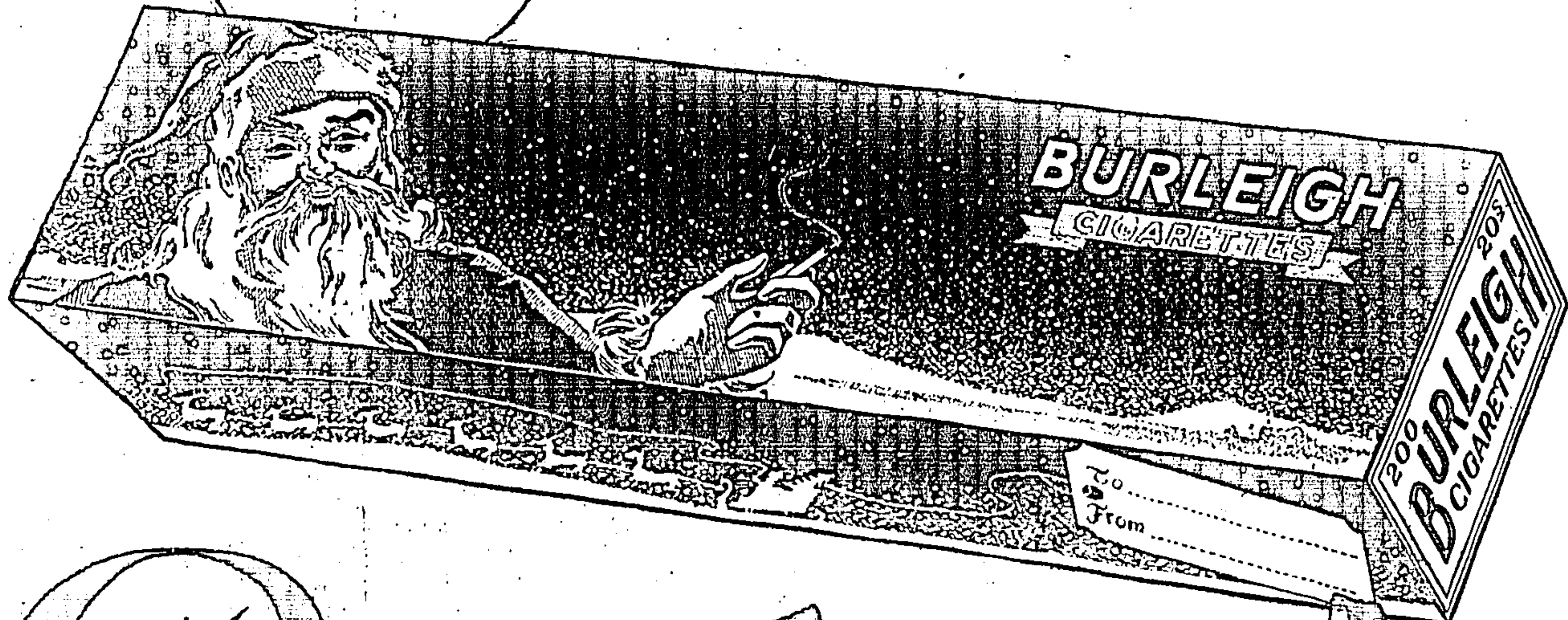
Royal Engineers:—Cpl. Fishlock; L/Cpl. Bridle and Spr. Moore; Spr. Martin, Spr. T. Taylor and Cpl. D. Taylor; Spr. Grant, L/Cpl. Singleton, Spr. Marriot, L/Cpl. G. Taylor and Spr. McInnarnay.



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J. T. BAGRAM,

Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th Dec., 1939.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4210.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3909, Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 5,000	\$92	\$3,750
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SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
SERGEANT M. KING, A BRITON OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE, IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES LAST NIGHT IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT NEAR SINCERE'S DEPARTMENT STORE, WAS ASSAULTED AND BEATEN UP BY SEVERAL JAPANESE.

Sergeant King is now in hospital. Though his condition is not serious it is believed he sustained severe bruises and a broken thumb.

Four Japanese were apprehended, and three of them have been detained on a charge of assault. It is stated they will be handed to the Japanese authorities upon request.—Reuter.

PRIETO FINED IN ABSENTIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Madrid, To-day.
Indalecio Prieto, leader of the Right Wing Socialist Party, has been sentenced in absentia by the political tribunal to a fine of 100,000,000 pesetas and a term of imprisonment.

Prieto is at present in exile in Mexico.—Havas.

STRANDED SOUTH AMERICANS GET AWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Madrid, To-day.
Five hundred South Americans, mainly Argentinians and Brazilians,

GERMAN FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai, To-day.

Further proof of active German financial difficulties is seen in the decision which has been taken by the "Gerling Konzern," the second biggest German insurance firm, to change to Reichsmarks all policies of Far Eastern policy holders, which had been contracted in foreign currencies.

The decision amounts to a complete repudiation of many insurance policies for Reichsmarks cannot be sent out of Germany.—Havas.

DUTCH LOAN OFFER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
The Premier yesterday announced the launching of a 300,000,000 florins domestic loan, to be issued at par with interest at four per cent. and redeemable in 40 years.

The Premier explained that the loan was intended for consolidation of the Floating Debt which had increased by 1,700,000 florins owing to the recent mobilisation measures.—Havas.

who were vacationing in France and Switzerland at the outbreak of war and were stranded, left war-torn Europe on board the Spanish liner Marques Comillas yesterday.—Havas.

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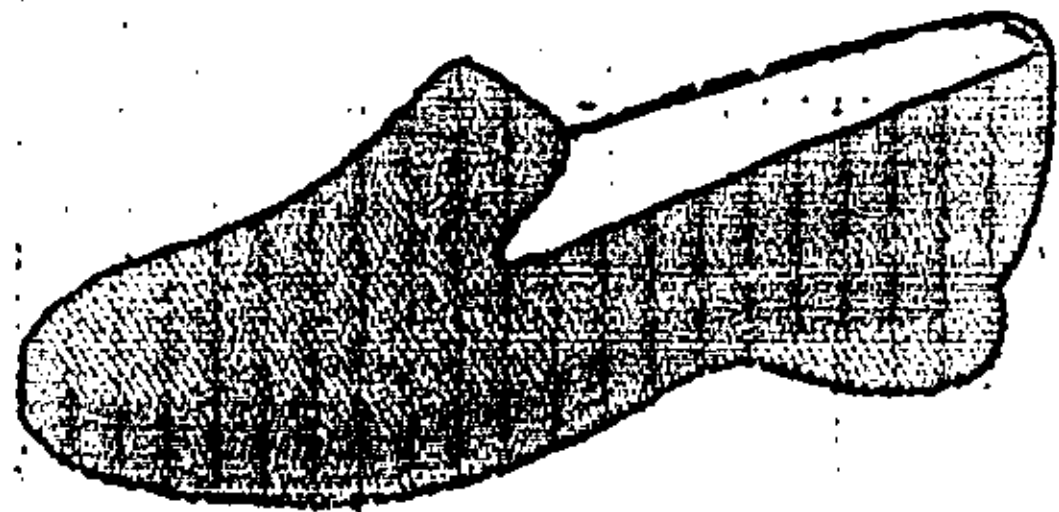
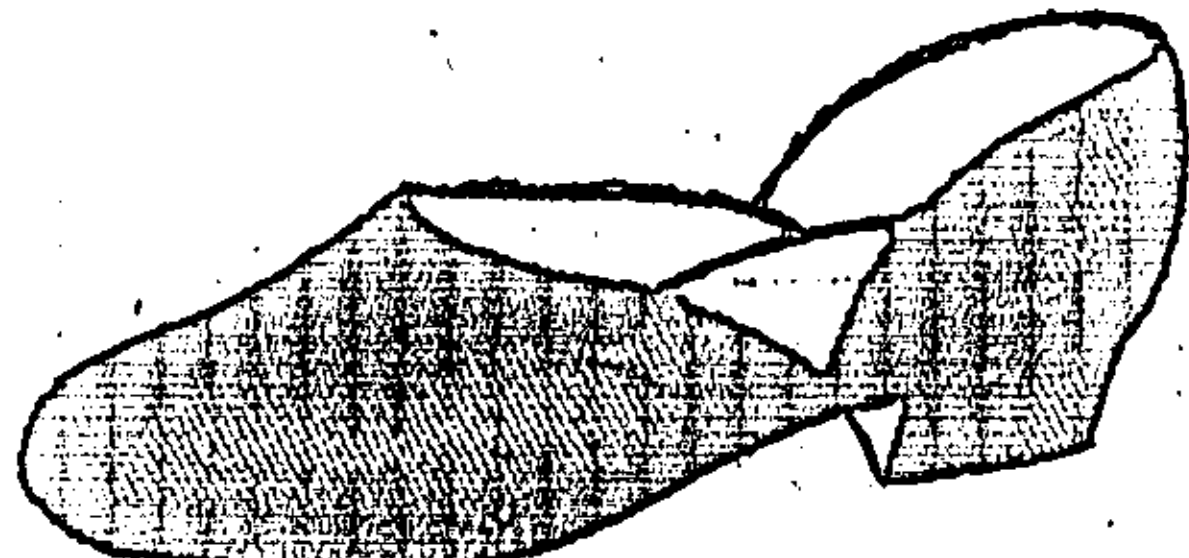
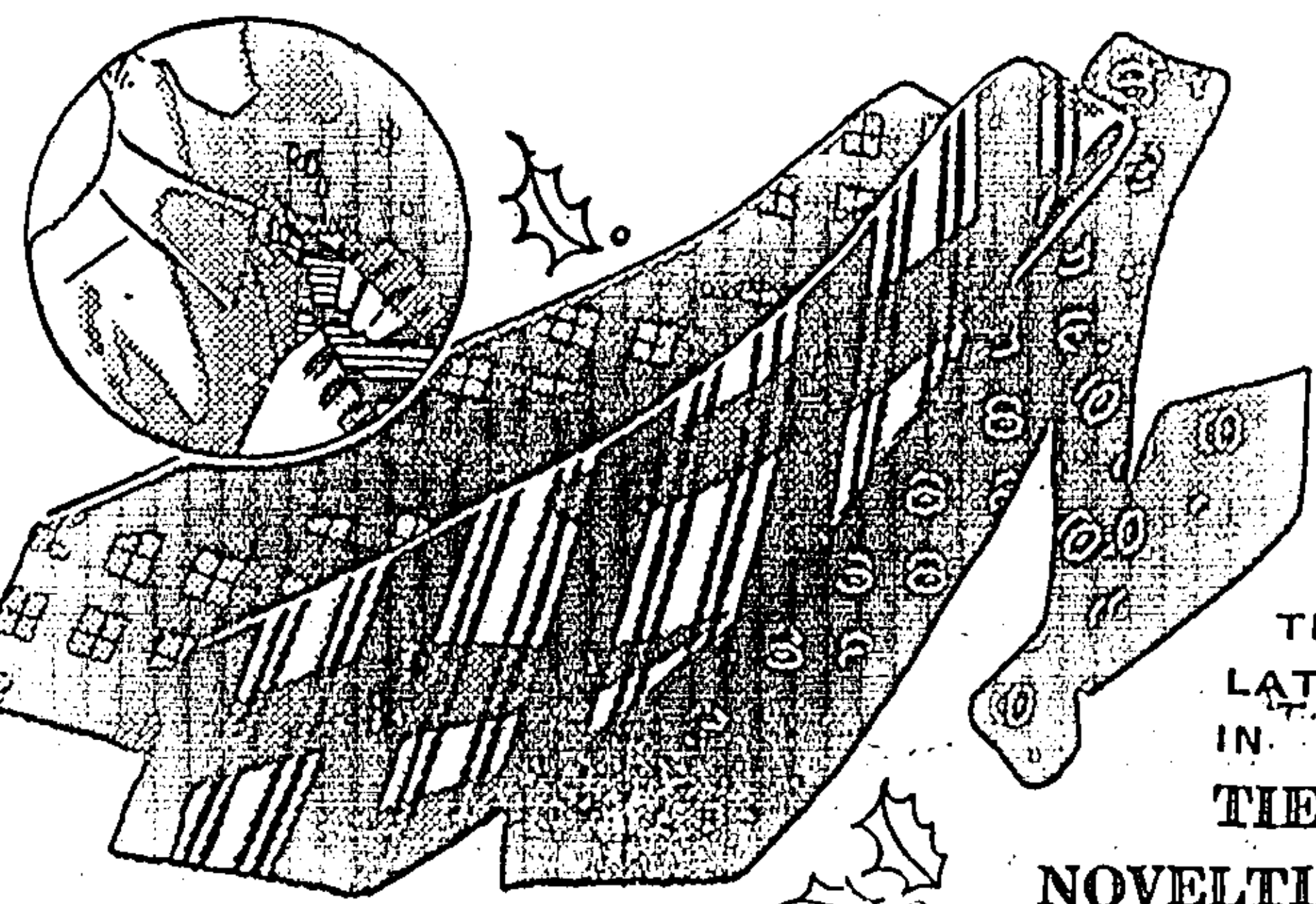
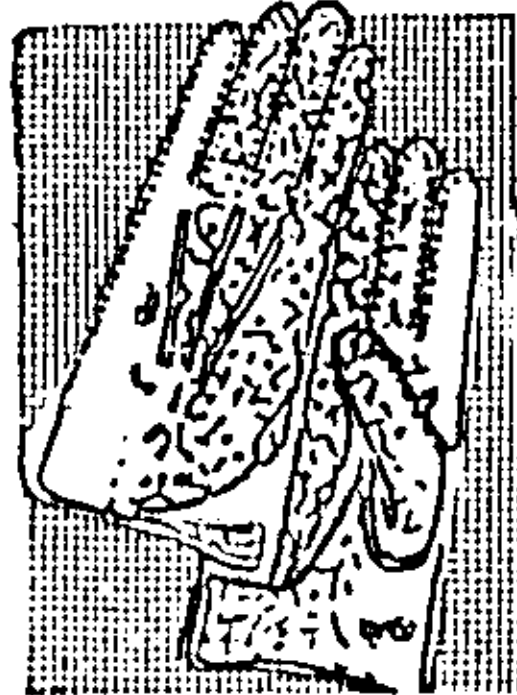
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STOP PRESS

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively learned that the first detachment of the Polish air force, which is already in training in England, will form the first of several squadrons that will become part of the R.A.F.

The Polish squadron will be distinguished only by the different cap badges and the Polish eagle on the tunic.

The Polish squadrons will be entirely self-supporting.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announces that the same submarine which sighted the Bremen has sunk a U-boat and torpedoed a German cruiser in the North Sea.

The Admiralty also states that the British steamer Deptford was torpedoed by a U-boat in Norwegian territorial waters.

It was the third case in a few days of the violation of Norwegian neutrality by Germany.—Reuter.

CRUISERS FIGHT ADMIRAL SCHEER

(Continued from Page 1.)

yesterday morning in the estuary of the River Plate between British cruisers and a German pocket-battleship.

"No ships were sunk," stated the Attache, "but some damage was suffered by both sides."

LEANDERS V. SCHEER

Both Ajax and Achilles are ships of about 7,000 tons, armed with eight six-inch guns. Their speed of over 32 knots is infinitely faster than the Admiral Scheer which is limited to about 27 knots. The Admiral Scheer, however, carries 11-inch guns. She is challenging by lighter ships because she is only lightly-armoured.

TANKER TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

London, To-day.

The crew of a British tanker torpedoed in the Atlantic arrived yesterday at a South Coast port.

They stated that if the U-boat had given only three minutes' warning all aboard could have been saved. Nine men went down with the ship, however.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, To-day.

It is reported that the Admiral Scheer has put in to Montevideo in a badly damaged condition.

Thirty of the crew were killed and 60 wounded in the action.—Reuter.

*** This, presumably, means the end of the Admiral Scheer's career, as, under international law, she is not allowed to stay in a neutral port longer than 24 hours, and Ajax and Achilles, it is presumed, are keeping patrol outside the harbour.

Rome, To-day.

M. Gorelkin's departure to Moscow, it is revealed, was for the purpose of acquainting the Soviet Government with Italy's view concerning the attack on Finland.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

It was this morning disclosed that Chang Chi-kwei, close follower of Wang Ching-wei was shot and critically wounded yesterday after leaving his residence. He was hit by three of five bullets fired, and is not expected to live. The attacker escaped.—Our Correspondent.

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that two aircraft of the Coastal Command on Wednesday encountered and attacked two Dornier flyingboats in the North Sea.

Both the enemy rear gunners were hit and both enemy aircraft damaged by machinegun fire before disappearing into the clouds.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

It is understood that the security patrol against German minelaying aircraft is being carried out by long-range and powerfully armed bombers which, it is understood, easily repulsed German machines which attempted to beat off the raid on Heligoland.—Reuter.

An area of two square miles of grass and shrubs was burnt out this afternoon on the hillsides at Mount Cameron.

The fire started shortly after mid-day and it took two fire appliances from the Central Fire Station almost three hours to extinguish the outbreak.

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